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Colonel-in-Chief

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Message from the Colonel-in-Chief
The Countess
Mountbatten of Burma,
CBE, CD, JP, DL

The year 2002 was without exaggeration a monumental year for the Regiment. The Regimental family was tested as Canada committed land forces to the war against terrorism. Together they met all challenges with great solidarity, perseverance and professionalism. I was extremely proud of the successes of my Patricias.

The deployment of the 3 PPCLI Battle Group with elements from the Second Battalion to Afghanistan was undoubtedly the high point of this remarkable past year. As expected, the soldiers of the Battle Group performed to an extremely high standard under stressful, dangerous and spartan conditions. The tragic death of the four Patricias and the wounding of others did not deter these soldiers from carrying out their duty and from making a significant contribution to the war against terrorism. Indeed, the tragic friendly fire incident no doubt raised the soldiers' determination to persevere and soldier on in a most professional manner. They did the Regiment and the country proud.

I was most fortunate along with my husband, Lord John, to travel to Canada in March. We took advantage of the opportunity to visit our Association and Regimental friends in Victoria, Calgary and Edmonton. It was most heartwarming to see so many old friends. I was also extremely pleased to meet my good friend Freddie Bootle and was inspired by his high spirit and determination. Though later saddened at the news of his death, I am heartened by the imprint that he has left on so many Patricias. He will be much missed.

In November, Lord John and I were travelling in South Korea and were able to pay a visit to the Allied Services War Cemetery in Pusan. It was an especially moving occasion for us to see so many Canadian soldiers buried there, a very large number of whom are our Patricias. Our thoughts were very much with their families in Canada.

The upcoming year holds many challenges for the Regiment as the world enters another period of global instability and uncertainty. Despite the First Battalion returning from another successful mission to Bosnia and the Second Battalion replacing them to provide consistent stabilization efforts, the Regiment may yet be called upon to conduct operations. I am certain that despite whatever the upcoming year holds for the Regiment, the Patricia's will continue to provide dedicated, professional and stalwart service.

Colonel of the Regiment

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Message from the Colonel of the Regiment

General
A.J.G.D. de Chastelain,
OC, CMM, CD, CH

The year 2002 was an historic one for the Regiment with Patricias in action in a declared war on terrorism. Patricias have been in action elsewhere in recent years, as in the Medak Pocket in 1993, for which Second Battalion was recently awarded the newly-designated Commander-in-Chief's Unit Commendation. Its presentation to the members of Second Battalion by the Governor General in the Fall, including to the numerous members of militia regiments and units that comprised the Battle Group, was a high point of the Regiment's year.

Another high point was the conduct of the 3 PPCLI Battle Group in the Afghanistan operation. Working closely with their American allies, members of the Battle Group demonstrated to Canadians, and to the world, that Canadian soldiers have lost none of their professional fighting capability since they were last engaged in war.

Patricias have lost soldiers in all the wars they have fought and, sadly, Afghanistan was no exception. The deaths of Sergeant Marc Leger, Corporal Ainsworth Dyer, Private Nathan Smith and Private Richard Green were tragic, as was the wounding of eight other Patricias. The memorial service held in their honour in Edmonton in April was a fitting tribute to them and to their families, and it gave Canadians from coast to coast an awareness of their armed forces in a manner unmatched for more than a generation.

The operational tempo of the Regiment remained at a high level at the end of the year, with First Battalion in Bosnia, Second Battalion commencing its preparation to go there and Third Battalion beginning its post-Afghanistan restructure and training. How that tempo will be maintained remains a subject of much debate at the highest levels within National Defence Headquarters and the Government, with the likelihood of an overdue foreign policy and defence review still in question.

Elsewhere at home, the PPCLI Association has remained active in promoting the Regiment's interests through the work of its various Branches. The related efforts of a number of Association officers were justly rewarded this summer by presentations of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

Once again this year, the Regiment has been blessed with the presence of our Colonel-in-Chief who made visits to the Association in Victoria, Calgary and Edmonton in March. She and Lord Brabourne spent time at the Home Station, visiting with the 3 PPCLI Rear Party and with members of 1 PPCLI during their March 17th activities. We remain continually grateful for Lady Patricia's interest in the Regiment and for her active support in all that we do.

As I noted at the beginning of this message, 2002 has been an historic year for the Regiment. Patricias everywhere can take much pride in all that their members -- serving and retired -- have achieved this year, and in the work they continue to do. I send my best wishes to them all.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Message from the Regimental Major
Major E.A. Giraldeau, CD

Being the editor of The Patrician has its perks. For one thing, I get the final say as to what photos will be printed in the final version (see below). I also get uncontested space to write an editorial. This is a valuable opportunity for me as the Regimental Major to address a significant issue affecting the Regiment.

Communication is the key to any organization's viability. The Regiment is no exception. Without effective channels of communication, both externally and internally, the Regiment's vision, mission and objectives will not reach the intended audience and the message will be lost. Whereas I believe that the Regiment has made great strives in improving our communication methods, I know we have a ways to go. To prove this point, I challenge the reader to state the Regiment's Vision, Mission and Objectives statement. Not knowing what they are is one thing, not knowing where to find them is something more (check the Regimental Manual, the Operating Plan and the website). All members of the Regiment need to be reading off the same sheet of music.

The Patrician is an important communication tool. The new look to The Patrician is a result of feedback from several sources and is an attempt by RHQ to make the annual journal more reader friendly. Comments to RHQ over the past years have centered on the desire for more pictures and a larger size so that people in the photographs are recognizable. We have not achieved the request for more humour, but we have at least tried to lighten up the text. The aim is to have a book that soldiers will actually read, enjoy and retain. It is not intended to be scanned and destroyed, or thrown away. Hopefully, we are on the right track to revitalizing The Patrician. Readers' comments are always welcomed. For those of you who feel the need to criticize yet another change to the size of the journal - noted. The new size brings the journal to the size of the industry standard for similar pieces. There is also a significant cost savings in production and printing costs in going with the 7 x 11 inch format vice 8 ½ x 11. In the end, there is always a money issue, and as RHQ is charged with spending the soldiers' money wisely, moving to this new size makes good sense even if it does throw a kink into people's bookshelves.

The spending of soldiers' money is another issue that is misunderstood amongst the Regiment. There is a false sense amongst many that RHQ collects hundreds of dollars each year from every soldier and squanders the funds away for things that the soldiers will never see or benefit from. In some cases there is bitterness when soldiers leave the Regiment that they do not receive the gratuities that they "paid" for if they are in arrears with their Voluntary Regimental Contributions. The Regimental "dues" are used to fund all Regimental activities not just the gratuity program, although this is an important component. "Dues" are used to fund the purchase of first issue cap badges and Regimental coins; Regimental Achievement Awards; student bursaries; the Museum and Archives; Regimental celebrations and festivities; and the PPCLI Benevolent Fund which has provided 8,500 dollars in the past two years to assist soldiers in financial difficulties. Readers can rest assured that your money is being spent wisely.

As another communication tool, the Battalions hold a Power Point presentation that fully explains how Regimental dollars are collected and, more importantly, how they are spent.

Comms are important. Soldiers at all levels should make great efforts to ensure that our messages are clear and understood both internally amongst ourselves and externally to the rest of the Army and to the public. We are a strong Regiment with lots to say. We just have to ensure we use the tools to get our message across to others and ourselves.

Maj Sean Wyatt - looking for love in all the wrong places

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Regimental Headquarters (RHQ) is the only component of the Regiment devoted exclusively to Regimental Affairs; it is the general office of the Regiment.

Regimental Headquarters is responsible for:

- being the Secretariat of the Regiment and the PPCLI Association;
- accounting for regimental funds;
- operation of the Regimental Kit Shop and Warehouse;
- operation of the Regimental Museum and Archives;
- editing and publishing all Regimental publications including:
    - the Association Newsletter;
    - The Patrician and;
    - the Regimental Manual.
- liaison between Regimental soldiers, veterans, units and Association branches;
- maintenance of all Regimental and Association files:
    - funerals;
    - visits;
    - protocol.
- and a variety of other tasks assigned by or on behalf of the Regimental Council.

Regimental Gratuities

The Regimental Gratuities plan was approved in 1997. The following will be provided to all Regimental members, serving and departing who have maintained their applicable rate of voluntary contributions since the commencement of the programme (01 January 1984) or since their enrolment, which ever is later:

a. on joining the Regiment, regardless of entry plan, each new member will be provided with a free issue cap badge and a numbered Regimental Coin;

b. during a career, members will receive an annual copy of *The Patrician*, and when promoted to Sergeant, a sash; and

c. on honourable retirement, release or remuster, with:

i. nine years of service of less - a small, unframed Regimental Certificate of Service (***unit or regional ERE representatives to action***);

ii. between nine and nineteen years of service - an engraved 4.5" pewter statute (choice of four models) or a $60 PPCLI Kit Shop Gift Certificate; and a small unframed Regimental Certificate of Service; and

iii. twenty or more years of service - an engraved 6.5" WWI Gianelli pewter statuette and a large framed Regimental Certificate of Service. (*individuals in this category are invited to a formal Regimental Retirement Dinner*)

Unit OPIs and ERE Regional Representatives are to immediately advise RHQ by e-mail, fax, or message of Patricias who are on release or remuster under the categories of sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) above. In order to prepare the applicable gratuities, RHQ needs the following particulars: name, rank, initials, decorations, enrolment date, approved release/retirement/remuster date, and forwarding address. The OPI shall provide a contact phone number to RHQ, and the proposed date of presentation of the gratuities if known. All this is based on the member paying his/her regimental contributions.

The Regimental Museum

IN THE MUSEUM OF THE REGIMENTS, CALGARY, AB

THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Regimental Museum and Archives staff were very busy behind the scenes in 2002. Thanks to a Public Access-Exhibitions Grant from Museums Alberta and the expertise of Dan Laplante of Apex Audio Visual, the Gallery Video Upgrade Project was finally completed and all Gallery videos now run off of DVD technology. A new video featuring the PPCLI during the Sicily and Italy Campaigns of the Second War is now installed and minor repairs were also made to the KapYong diorama lighting effects. Further upgrades to the Airborne area and a new exhibit featuring Princess Patricia are planned for 2003.

A display commemorating the 85th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge was installed at Vimy Ridge Academy in Edmonton, just in time for the 2002/2003 school year. The exhibit features a Roll of Honour for those members of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry who fell on the Ridge. Artifacts include the uniform and accouterments of Private William Fraser, stretcher-bearer for the PPCLI at Vimy, and a German Officer's chair "liberated" from a bunker near the Town of Vimy. A new exhibit on the Regiment's airborne role is planned for the school in August 2003.

The Museum and Archives received and catalogued approximately 800 artifacts and archival items during 2002, for a total value of approximately $31,000. The most notable acquisitions were the scrapbook of Lieutenant Colonel "Shorty" Colquhoun, the archival papers of Captain James Mullett, Regimental Dentist in the Second War, and the presentation gift pieces of the late General Gordon M. Reay, CMM, BE, CD.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Archives Society of Alberta, a contract employee was hired to assist in the production of fond level descriptions for all of the Regimental archival holdings. These descriptions will be posted to the Society's Archival Network of Alberta (ANA) Database in the Spring of 2003. To access this site, which features the fond level descriptions and photographic holdings of Alberta's archives, go to www.archivesalberta.org and search the database. Also check out the Museum of the Regiments new web site at www.museumoftheregiments.ca for more information on up and coming events at the Regimental Museum.

In closing, a small memorial service was held in the Museum Hall of Honour on the 18th of September 2002 to pay tribute to the four members of the Third Battalion who were killed in Afghanistan. The names of Sergeant Marc Leger, Corporal Ainsworth Dyer, Private Richard Green and Private Nathan Smith were added to the last granite tablet in the Hall. Several PPCLI Veteran volunteers, representatives of Regimental Headquarters and the Third Battalion and many members of the Museum of the Regiments staff attended the unveiling.

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The First Battalion
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Returning from Christmas Leave in Edmonton, the men and women of the First (and Finest) knew that the coming year was going to be busy. The moment we walked through the doors of the GG Brown Building we commenced our preparations for Operation PALLADIUM, which at the time was a mere nine months away. Operational Readiness Verifications, Padre interviews, Platoon Commander Interviews and the occasional prod from the Doc were a very tangible sign that we were headed overseas. Of course, just getting these very necessary preparations out of the way was not enough so we also threw in a spate of briefings on a wide variety of topics including alcohol and drug abuse (bad), public affairs (important) and the upcoming year (full). As the end of the month drew on, we got a well-earned break from the monotony of pers adm, with Exercise STRONG CONTENDER.

Maj Drew - Remembrance Day in the BOS

Some have said "it doesn't matter if you win or lose, as long as you play the game." That may be true but, as the Battalion was fortunate enough to find out, winning feels a lot better than losing. Taking top honours for ice hockey, which in the end is the only sport that truly matters, the Battalion also dominated many of the other sports throughout the tourney, winning first place amongst the Major Units of 1 CMBG. Sadly, with our skills proven for the coming year, many of us had to put the sports equipment away until we headed off to the land of Bos. For with the February thaw, such as it was, we commenced the PCF courses that gave us the additional skills and capabilities we needed to be able to do the many upcoming tasks we faced.

One for me, two for you...

February and the first two weeks of March passed in a relentless series of classroom lectures, range work and the inevitable deployment to Wainwright. Wishing we were in Kandahar with our brothers in the Third, we faced all the wilds that Wainwright could throw at us, and will probably throw at generations of soldiers to come. However, before you could say LAV III Turret Drills, the deployment was done and we returned to Edmonton to welcome our Colonel-in-Chief, the indomitable Lady Patricia. Commencing with a formal parade, Lady Patricia and General de Chastelain handed out promotions, medals

and a significant amount of hardware. She then honoured us with a few well-chosen words of wisdom and dismissed us to the Garrison Edmonton ice rinks. When she came out to drop the ball between the Officers and senior NCOs, for Broom-i-Loo, she got the finest welcome that the Battalion could muster, accepting it graciously with a smile and a wave. Sadly for the senior NCOs this was about the only cheer that they would hear that day, with the Officers handily winning the match foreshadowing almost every sporting event that would take place between these two groups of competitors in the coming year.

"And they say getting out of a LAV with webbing is hard."

As March drew to a close, many members of the Battalion departed for a few days of well-earned leave. The year was already a quarter of the way on, and it was moving fast. We quickly ensured that the rucksacks were packed, the weapons clean and the vehicles readied for the end of leave meant yet another deployment. This time we weren't off to Wainwright however; it was Suffield. Suffield, was bitterly cold for the first week, and then it began to blow so hard that you had to gun tape your skin down. Tents, modular and 10 man, blue rockets and everything lighter than an Iltis fell victim to the near hurricane force winds. Live fire Combat Team training was the culmination of the deployment and it was back to Edmonton for Op GRIZZLY planning and preparations. Concurrently, reconnaissance of the Kananaskis area was conducted by Battalion and Company level R Gps. The AO was divided up and sub units got on with detailed placement of OPs and bivouacs and patrol routes were identified and mapped. Meanwhile, during May, a training team of approximately 200 all ranks from across the battalion deployed to Wainwright to welcome D Coy, the Composite Reserve Infantry Company, and other Reserve augmentees for a month's worth of confirmatory light infantry training. The training included live fire on conventional ranges, live field firing and a rigorous dismounted exercise.

On 2 June D Coy formally joined the BG and completed pre-GRIZZLY training. The entire unit began deploying to Kananaskis for Op GRIZZLY on 17 June and by 21 June all AOs were occupied and controlled, and by the time the summit started on the 25th we were getting bored as none of the bad guys showed up to play. The G8 was completed without incident, a testament to the professionalism of the combined efforts of the Canadian Forces and the RCMP. And for us, probably the nicest camping spot we have ever been

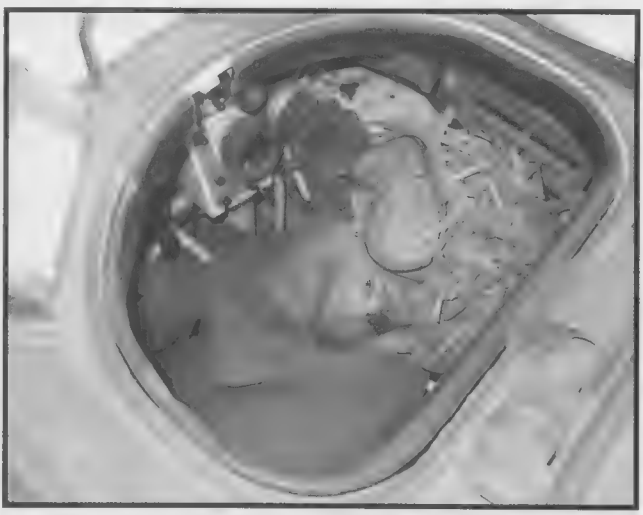
"Dear Santa . . ."

Capt Stalker with his warrior face on.

in (as Army guys). Post Op GRIZZLY, we received the bad news that A Coy would not be joining the Battle Group in theatre as the Canadian Contingent for Roto 11 had been reduced by two sub units.

July disappeared in a well-earned wave of leave (why is it that leave always goes faster than work?) and before we knew it we were back in the traces, hauling like mad dogs. Our Battle Group attachments, B Sqn LdSH (or was it the Dragoons?) and 11 Fd Sqn joined the unit the first week in August to bring the combined arms team together for final pre-deployment training. On 11 September, the unit stood down for embarkation leave with the first chalk of 120 members of the Battle Group headed for Bosnia on September 25th. On October 6th, LCol King formally took command of the Canadian Battle Group AO from 2R22eR and by the 10th we were alone. October and November were busy periods characterized by all ranks getting to know their new duties, areas of responsibility, and local personalities. On the pers admin side, the best CD prices and best running routes were also identified, and R&R and HLTA programs kicked into high gear after Remembrance Day. This period was highlighted by C Coy snapping up a large mine cache and a visit from the Minister of National Defence on Remembrance Day.

The CO and RSM, seeing a large cadre of visitors (read pains in the ass) coming, fled to Ottawa early in November ostensibly to "do career things." They returned in time to see the first snowfall of winter, and with that the Christmas season was upon us. The CDS visited throughout the AO and on Christmas Day everyone was treated to a traditional Christmas Dinner, done up royally by our cooks and locally engaged employees. Santa even made an appearance, surprising some of the Officers who had assumed security duties from the soldiers for the day. One of these churlish brutes (rumoured to be OC Admin) actually attempted to deny Santa access to Camp Maple Leaf in Zgon because he apparently did not have the correct paper work! Unfortunately for the NCOs, they suffered another crushing defeat in hockey, albeit ball hockey, at the hands of a much younger and more talented squad of Officers. The year ended quietly with games and competitions in the various messes and an early night for all ranks.



"No, this is definitely NOT the field latrine!"

2002 was a very hectic, though successful year for the Battalion. A year of individual and team sacrifices; major sporting events, training deployments, domestic and international operations, in

each and every case we have excelled. We now look forward to completing Roto 11 and heading home to our Country and our families for some well-deserved rest. Finally, none of this could have been accomplished without the support of our families, Rear Party and the Family Support gang led by the unbeatable, energized and always scheming Sgt Manny Mandrusiak. You are all elements of the team that provide much needed, vital and often unrecognized sustainment to our soldiers and our mission. On behalf of All Ranks, thank you for your patience, your sacrifice and your hard work.

Capt Angus - "has anyone seen my rifle?"

A Company

The Red Devils began this past year with an aggressive Primary Combat Function (PCF) cycle to qualify soldiers for the upcoming deployment on Operation Palladium Rotation 11. Members of the company completed Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) Gunner, LAV Driver, LAV Crew Commander, Mortarman and Bison Driver courses, which allowed the company to fill vacancies in its establishment. Following the PCF cycle, the company embarked on Exercise ROBUST RAM, a collective training event held in CFB Suffield by 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group. The goal of Exercise ROBUST RAM was the validation of the rifle companies of 1 PPCLI. Both A Company and C Company completed live fire combat team offensive operations. In June, A Company formed part of the battalion's commitment to Operation GRIZZLY, the protection of the G-8 Summit held in Kananaskis. The Red Devils occupied one of the largest areas of operation, in the most difficult terrain surrounding Kanansaskis.

After six months at a hectic pace, the Company needed a break. After four weeks of leave through the month of July, the Company continued with its preparations for deployment to Bosnia with Exercise PALLADIUM ALLIANCE, refining and honing the peacekeeping skills required. Bad news struck the company late in August with the announcement that the mission to Bosnia had been cut in strength by one company, and A Company would be remaining in Edmonton. Infused with new leaders, the Red Devils carried out a challenging exercise at CFB Dundurn, completing pairs, section and platoon attack ranges with the LAVs. At the end of the exercise, a Military Skills competition was held, incorporating three challenging Close Quarter Battle ranges: a three gun competition, a standard C7 CQB, and a pistol/shotgun tunnel range. 1 Platoon won the overall competition, with 3 Section, 1 Platoon finishing first.

After Dundurn, the Company deployed to Suffield in October to support the Brigade training exercise for 2 PPCLI in their preparation for

Let the drag race begin.

Operation PALLADIUM Rotation 12. Exercise PACING RAM saw the Company Operation Command to our sister battalion, and the Company trained up to combat team live fire with a squadron from the Royal Canadian Dragoons. After this busy period, the Company needed a rest in November. And since a change is as good as a rest, the Red Devils split into four groups for Exercise DEVIL'S CHALLENGE, an adventure training exercise. The mountaineering expedition tackled peaks in Garibaldi Park, B.C. while the mountain bike, scuba diving and kayaking expeditions boarded ferries to Vancouver Island. The mountain bike expedition spent time exploring the twisting single-track trails of the Forbidden Plateau, near Mt Washington, and the kayakers paddled their way from CFB Comox to Nanaimo. The scuba divers dove deep to explore wrecks sunk of the coast of Victoria and Nanaimo. Overall, 2002 was challenging and somewhat hectic. Having honed its skills, A Company looks forward to new challenges in 2003. Red Devils Rule the Ground!

C Company

Another busy year in Bear Country! Charlie Company began 2002 with a new command team that saw Major Steve Carr take over as Officer Commanding, Captain Mason Stalker as Second-in-Command and Master Warrant Officer Tim Penney as Company Sergeant Major. January saw the Company running a Winter Warfare Indoctrination Course for senior staff from the NATO ACE Mobile Force (Land) Headquarters. Apparently, Mother Nature didn't receive the exercise instruction, as unseasonably warm weather left little snow on the ground for the field portion in Hinton! Shortly thereafter the bulk of the company was involved in what would be the last PCF cycle prior to Operation PALLADIUM.

Exercise STALWART RAM in April saw 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group deploy to the plains of Suffield. Charlie Company hit the field running and completed progressive dry and live-fire training. The exercise culminated with the company's participation in the first ever Light Armoured Vehicle III and Leopard C2 combat team attack trace. On return to Edmonton, most of the company leadership found itself off to Western Area Training Centre in Wainwright to assist in the training of reservists

C Coy at Resolute Barbara Range, Glamoc

vying for positions in D Company for Operation PALLADIUM. June was extremely busy, with the work-up training for the G8 Summit, aptly named Operation GRIZZLY, followed by the actual deployment to the Kananaskis region. In the mountains, Charlie Company teamed up with RCMP Wilderness Teams, quickly forming a cohesive organization based on respect for the different skills we each brought to the operation. The summit went off without incident and the opportunity to form new relationships with the RCMP and get back to some basic dismounted infantry tasks, was enjoyed by all. Immediately on return from Operation GRIZZLY, the Company departed on well-deserved summer leave.

"One ringy dingy . . ."

In August, the Company, newly augmented by 6 Platoon, a composite platoon drawn mainly from elements of Recce and Pioneer Platoons, joined the rest of the Battle Group completing Deployment Level of Capability training and range work in WATC. From there it was hard into theatre and mission specific training and then after having worked for nearly seven weeks straight, the Battle Group started pre-deployment leave mid-September. In early October, the Company deployed on Operation PALLADIUM Rotation 11. The bulk of the Company moved into Camp Drvar with 6 Platoon heading south to take over the camp in Glamoc. With the handover from 2 R22eR complete, the troops quickly found themselves conducting patrols, Vehicle Check Points and Operation HARVEST weapons collection activities. The highlight of the month was the successful securing of a cache of over 100 anti-tank and 20 anti-personnel mines in a slick combined arms operation. Fittingly, the month ended with a rainstorm of biblical proportion that saw much of Camp Drvar under six inches of water! The tempo in November was extremely high. The Company participated in Operation CELEBORN, a cordon and search with the 1 Royal Scots Battle Group in their area of operations (AO), shifting quickly thereafter into a training mode for Exercise STRONG GUARDIAN VI, a Multi-National Battle Group live-fire attack.

CDS Promotes

December came in with an early cold snap that had us thinking fondly of our loved ones back in Edmonton, but that soon ended with more rain and surprisingly, warm temperatures. As the holiday season approached, the platoons were busy distributing humanitarian aid to the needy, as well as organizing Christmas parties for the local school children. Although it was the first holiday season overseas for many sol-

Zzzzzz - Stand to!

diers, the holiday spirit of Charlie Company was exceptional. For once we actually held our annual hockey games and the Soldiers' Christmas Dinner, on Christmas Day! All in all it was a busy and very successful year in Bear Country!

Administration Company

Administration Company has been an extremely busy company this year. It has also been a year of change with the Company changing commanders at all levels. The Company bid farewell to Maj Brister who commanded from January until April, and said goodbye to Capt Lupien, Capt Koss, Capt Mandaher, Capt Elsadi, MWO Auger, and MWO Coble. We welcomed Maj Reeves as OC and Capt Cole, Capt Peck, Capt Caruana, MWO Mackay, and MWO Ough into the fold. Their initiation process was necessarily short and they have all lived up to the constant challenge of providing support to the battalion. The year started off with support to the Primary Combat Function courses. The hectic efforts of the Maintenance and Quarter Master platoons ensured that all of the vehicles and equipment were ready for the training. The first two months also saw members of the company participate in Ex STRONG CONTENDER. While the rifle companies were putting their newly acquired skills to the test during Ex ROBUST RAM, Administration Company continued to work behind the scenes ensuring that everybody was fed, equipped and had vehicles to drive. It was a minor miracle that the Maintenance personnel were able to keep the VOR rate so low, considering the pace of the exercise and the conditions that we had to work under (including the 100 kph wind gusts). Despite the hard work and many accomplishments of the company the exercise ended on a unpleasant note, as many of our personnel were sent to take part in the memorial services for our fallen brethren from 3 PPCLI.

The workload was increased with the in-clearance of all our augmentees and the supporting of Ex FORGED WARRIOR in Wainwright. Preparations and work-up training for both the Op GRIZZLY and Op PALLADIUM Roto 11 saw countless hours of work accomplished by all of the Administration Company platoons. Well-rested and re-motivated, the Administration Company personnel turned their full attention towards deploying to Bosnia. After 29 days of work in August and one final push towards com-

Cpl Kellar, MCpl von Schmeling, Cpl La Riviere - "Did someone call 911?"

pletion we were ready to deploy, with the first flight departing on September 25. Once in theater, the daunting task of familiarizing ourselves with the AOR got underway. Due to the nature of our tasks, we deployed personnel to each of the Battle Group camps. Working hand-in-hand with ATCO-Frontec, we were very successful is providing quality support to the Battle Group, despite the numerous challenges that this new partnership presented. Whether it was the heavy taskings for Transport, the continually required maintenance, the re-supplying of the battalion, the medical requirements or the administrative support, all members of the 1 PPCLI Administration Company have shown their mettle and proven that, like all members of the First Battalion, we are truly the "First and Finest."

"Wow, look - a colouring book in my Happy Meal."

Rear Party

With the deployment of the 1 PPCLI-based Battle Group to Bosnia, the 1 PPCLI Rear Party stood up to carry on with the business of the Battalion, looking after the soldiers who remained behind and the families of those who deployed. Major Andy Gill was appointed as the Commanding Officer of the Rear Party. A unique feature of this Rear Party was its size. With the reduction of forces in Bosnia causing A Company and other individuals to remain behind, the Rear Party was larger than several other units in 1 CMBG, and may have actually had more Patricias in it than were with the BG in Bosnia. The net result was a large unit with a fraction of the normal staff to support its activities.

The Rear Party remained busy throughout the deployment, supporting the activities of A Company on Exercise PACING DEVIL, Exercise PACING RAM and Exercise DEVIL'S CHALLENGE. Rear Party also conducted a series of PCF courses, took part in Exercise STRONG CONTENDER as a major unit, supported other 1 CMBG exercises and filled a large number of local and national tasks, all the while preparing for future exercises in Spring/Summer 2003. The Rear Party also maintained a pool of replace-

Sgt Cook - just add water

ment soldiers, deploying several to Bosnia. The small Administration Company component of the Rear Party was especially busy, supporting all training and working hard to carry out the very successful humanitarian affairs campaign.

Realizing the need for specialized support to the families of deployed soldiers, the battalion created a Family Support Section with Sgt Manny Mandrusiak at the helm. The task was to provide the best and most complete support to the families that had ever been offered during a tour. Sgt Mandrusiak took his team of soldiers outside the Battalion lines and set up an elaborate Drop-in Center and office in the MFRC building. This allowed the families to more easily access the resources and services of the Base and MFRC. Childcare and mental and personal counseling were readily available to those who needed help, and no one was turned away. The small project grew until it established ties across Canada with Reserve units and left what would be called the HOMEFRONT and the tip of the Rear Party Spear.

The Homefront became a source of confidence for both the soldiers and the spouses. A neutral place with no unit identification where both could go and vent or be informed about not only activities that the Homefront offered, but of the other Rear Parties of the contributing units in Edmonton Garrison. It served as the first point of contact for civilians and wives who were looking for other unit Rear Parties, and worked hard to broaden friendships with the other units. The Homefront also became the focal point for a massive Humanitarian Aid campaign to deliver clothing and other goods to Bosnia. With a little marketing and a few personal touches, the people of the City of Edmonton and surrounding communities donated almost 200 triwalls worth of donated goods. It was such a successful campaign that additional shipping resources had to be marshaled to send the excess to the Battle Group.

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"This chopper followed us home. Can we keep it?"

The Homefront helped to provide activities for families to partake in and participate in planning. Involvement of the families at every stage was the key to our success. It was a simple idea of giving a little support back to soldiers who give so much every day, that grew to be something totally unique and uniquely our own. It began with a highly successful and well attended Family Day and Open House before deployment and carried on with other activities such as the Hallowe'en Party and Kids' Christmas Party. The 1 PPCLI Rear Party and Homefront set the standard for family support, with the unprecedented level of activity and interaction with the families of deployed soldiers. The proof of this has been the low number of repatriations for compassionate family reasons and the fact that the leadership in 1 CMBG and LFWA are planning to adopt our system of family support and maintain it on a permanent basis for future rotations.

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The Second Battalion
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

Cpl Nabis and Cpl Lee debating whether they should cut the grass or not.

Looking back, 2002 has been a busy and full year for the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. We sent 147 soldiers to beef up the 3PPCLI BG on Op APOLLO. The stand down of B Coy was ordered, given a shortage of soldiers, upon the completion of the Bn LAV conversion. The Shilo Implementation Cell was manned throughout and has made significant progress in preparing for the Bn's move to Shilo in 2004. Preparations for Op PALLADIUM ROTO 12 commenced with the standing to of the composite reserve D Coy under Major Sabatier. In addition to all the activities o this year, 2PPCLI was recognized for the Commander-in-Chief's commendation. The Governor General, the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, awarded the commendation to the Bn on parade, for the BG's actions in the Medak Pocket, 1 December 1993. Finally, a significant event occurred with the permanent stand down of Mortar and Pioneer as support platoons with the Battalion.

A Company

Much like every year, 2002 has been a busy year for the soldiers of Alpha Company. Winter warfare and adventure training was the name of the game to start this year. By the way, the CQ is still looking for some toboggans, any ideas Lt MacIntyre? The busiest part of this year has been the implementation of the LAV III. The Coy attended Ex PATRICIA WHEELS to begin the tough task of solidifying new doctrine and SOPs for the LAV. Ex ROBUST RAM was next, and the Coy accompanied 1VP, helping them sort out their TTPs.

Cpl Clare and MCpl Sherlow

Summer brought a few things; Op GRIZZLY was the first. The Coy set up OPs overlooking Vital Points and practiced responding to various threats. When all was finished, the Operation went off without a hitch; however, one might want to ask Pte Foster about his stupendous driving skills. When the troops came back from their leave, more LAV

"Is that Cpl Irvine telling Lt Gill to take a hike?"

courses began giving many an opportunity to gain a second qualification and bringing others in the Coy up to speed. In September, Alpha Coy started its pre-deployment training. The war-fighting portion began in Shilo with section and platoon level training. Next was Ex PACING RAM in Suffield. The Coy linked up with A Sqn, RCD, and various other elements of the Combat Team. After a very intense training regime, we thrust onto the live trace and smashed through a number of objectives successfully.

The Coy is now in the midst of PSO Training, although, much remains to be done before the deployment. The soldiers finished the year with some well-deserved Christmas leave to be enjoyed with family and friends.

C Company

During the past year, C Coy found themselves deployed on the most memorable operation of the year. C Coy began the year working on a LAV III serial in preparation for follow-on mechanized operations. Just prior to completing the final field portion of their LAV course, the Coy was notified to stand down their deployment to Shilo and enjoy a much needed one-day weekend.

C Coy was notified by 39er that they would be deploying on Op APOLLO and immediately began intensive preperations for deployment to Afghanistan. Almost immediately upon arrival in Kandahar, C Coy was given the warning order for Op HARPOON. The Coy was shipped to Bagram Airbase, no more than 48 hours later, and within 5 days found themselves humping along "the Whale's back". Upon completing Op HARPOON, C Coy returned to Kandahar and established their bivouac. Other members of the Coy were able to participate in follow-on operations as FARP security, providing cardinal point security while helicopters were refueled. C Coy then began gearing up for Op TORI by conducting mountain ops training and cave clearing drills. Endless hours were spent in the House of Pain. After redeploying to Bagram, the Coy moved to the Tora Bora region to locate cave complexes.

Sgt Pollock on Op Grizzly - Look Cool Factor 9/10

C Coy was the only rifle coy to deploy on all combat operations during Op APOLLO and were a reliable resource for Task

Ready, Aim . . .

Force Rakkasan. C Coy then returned to a warm welcome in Winnipeg on 30 July 02. After two months of leave, the coy was shot back into work, aiding and training the newly acquired D Coy in order to prepare them for Op PALLADIUM.

D Company

D Coy, the Composite Reserve Infantry Coy for Op PALLADIUM ROTO 12, stood to at the end of October. After a few days of "working" long hours with our reg force peers, D Coy settled into its new surroundings and commenced its pre-deployment training.

"It's not training unless it's raining." This phrase was muttered many times by astringent soldiers as they advanced through the scenic (in other words, hilly) terrain of Fort Knox USA. For most of November, a grateful D Coy packed their bags and flew South in order to escape the hard winter months in Manitoba, only to discover that Kentucky's cold is a wet cold. Despite the crafty tactics and physical toughness of our Grenovian enemies (note to the Grenovians: MILES gear requires batteries - the static electricity from your fleece isn't enough), D Coy survived its FTX and returned home to Winnipeg on the 27th.

Cpl Cuppage - "Can you hear me now?"

After a week of cleaning, administration and readjustment to Canadian food (yes, some of us miss fried chicken), D Coy was once again swept up in battalion life. Major Ken Sabatier and Capt Eric Gilson represented the coy on ice during the Officers'/Senior NCOs' hockey game, while Sgt Scott Elliott, Cpl Ivan Karin, and many more tried out and were accepted on Ex STRONG CONTENDER teams. In closing, the members of D Coy would like to thank the rest of 2 PPCLI for their warm welcome and wish the remainder of the

"You hit my battleship!"

Regiment all the best this New Year.

Combat Support Company

In a busy 2002, Combat Support Coy was keeping pace with the battalion training and operations schedule. The year marked the end of an era, as Pioneer and Mortar Platoons were stood down. Pioneer Platoon ended its year demonstrating their excellent skills supporting the combat team live fire range with targets and demolitions. Mortar Platoon's highlight of the year was their contribution to Op GRIZZLY, which proved returning to dismounted skills was like riding a bicycle.

Signals spent most of the year learning, training and exercising operational capability of the new tactical communications system, better known as "that damn TCCCS". During this time, the Platoon managed to finally get rid of the legacy communications suite, despite the many tears amongst older generation operators.

Anti-Armour Platoon had a very successful year participating in three live TOW shoots culminating with perfect shoots during Ex PACING RAM and during the combined Op PALLADIUM fly-over for Roto 11. Recce Platoon was busy with a Basic Recce Patrolman Course where the students were the first to receive the new Tracking Performance Objective. After participating in Op GRIZZLY, where the platoon got back to basics, the Platoon took on a heavy training schedule culminating with a dry tracking exercise during PATRICIA WHEELS II in Shilo. Combat Support Coy ended off the year demonstrating they can play as hard as they train. They were the winners of both the fall inter-coy sports taking titles in Ball Hockey and the French Grey Cup.

MWO Bisson - "Quick, pull my finger"

Administration Company

Admin Coy over the past year has been dedicated to making the 2 PPCLI wishes and dreams become reality. In the past 12 months we were very busy, deployed on exercise ROBUST RAM, PATRICIA WHEELS I and II, PACING RAM and Op GRIZZLY. Last year, both QM and Maintenance Platoon were kept busy looking after the increasing needs of the Battalion. We have mastered the word "Change."

The Rat Pl (that's Platoon, not Patrol) saw a rapid change of personnel with a new MCpl and five cooks right off course. The UMS has changed doctors. Admin Coy

Basic Recce Patrolman Course 0201

Stores has seen three CQs, two MCpls and lost one storeman in this past year. During ROBUST RAM, we had our mods racing across the prairies, never to be seen again.

We found out first hand that the recruiter's initial promises of why to join the Infantry are not actually lies; "If you like camping, fishing and hiking you will love the Infantry." Yes, if sent to the G8 Summit in Kananskis, the Infantry is where it is. CQ Hooyer seems to like the way Admin Coy lives in the field and does not wish to return to the rifle coy any time soon. Marathon runner, Cpl Pirolla could be seen well into the night running from mod t mod canvassing the tents for the Admin Coy 50-50 draw.

This past year, we saw that the principle of foresight has overshadowed the principle of flexibility. We do not doubt 2003 will be just as hectic. In the new year, 2PPCLI looks forward to deploying on Op PALLADIUM ROTO 12, supporting the Bde with a substantial Rear Party contribution, balancing the factors that will facilitate our eventual move to Shilo and most importantly, strutting our stuff as the the Warrior Spirit proves itself alive and well. Second to None.

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The boys of Company C in Kandahar

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Sgt McCue - "Easy does it big fella . . ."

WO Laity, Cpl Lincez

"Gosh, I hope I'm walking point and not trail."

2PPCLI COMMENDATION FOR MEDAK

In mid-September 1993, United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) soldiers from the Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2PPCLI) advanced into the disputed Medak Pocket in southern Croatian with orders to implement the latest cease-fire between Croatian Army troops and Serb irregular forces. 2PPCLI was reinforced with two mechanized companies of French troops. The Canadians, well schooled in the delicate art of "peacekeeping", discovered their negotiation skills and strict impartiality were not immediately required in the Medak Pocket. Instead, they found themselves calling upon their primary war-fighting skills when Croatian Army units opened fire with machine-guns, mortars and artillery in an effort to stop the Canadian advance. To complete their assigned mission, the Patricia's were required to threaten the use of, and ultimately use, deadly force against Croatian units. However, the true test of military professionalism and discipline came after the smoke cleared, the Croatians backed down and the Canadians immediately reverted to their role as impartial peacekeepers in their dealings with individuals who only moments before had attempted to kill them.

This resolute action came at a time when the UN reputation in Croatia was at an all-time low due to repeated failures to secure the infamous United Nations Protected Areas (UNPA's). Colonel George Oehring, commander of UNPROFOR Sector South, claimed the Princess Patricia's "won for the whole mission a credibility and respect that will be long remembered by the opposing parties and much facilitate our future efforts here."* One unique feature of the 2PPCLI Battalion Group was the size of the reserve and outside unit augmentation to the operation. Of the Battalion Group's total strength of 875, 385 soldiers were volunteers from various Reserve units across Canada. One hundred and thirty five personnel came from other regular force units.
On July 3, 2002, the Governor General announced that the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's would receive the Commander-in-Chief's Unit Commendation for the unit's action. The citation reads:

The 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group (2 PPCLI BG) is awarded the Commendation for courageous and professional execution of duty during the Medak Pocket Operation in the Former Yugoslavia in September 1993. Under conditions of extreme peril and hazard, facing enemy artillery, small arms and heavy machine gun fire as well as anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, the members of the 2 PPCLI BG held their ground and drove the Croatian forces back. The exemplary actions of the 2 PPCLI BG caused the Croatian Army to cease their ongoing tactics of "ethnic cleansing" in the sector, without question saving many innocent civilian lives. 2 PPCLI is the second unit commendation to be presented by the Governor General, the first being received by the 1 R22eR Battle Group for their actions at the Sarajevo Airport in 1992.

*** Excerpt from Lee A. Windsor. Professionalism Under Fire: Canadian Implementation of the Medak Pocket Agreement, Croatia 1993.**

The Third Battalion
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

The year 2002 was marked by a series of historic and exciting events for the Third Battalion. The Operation APOLLO mission to Afghanistan was the highlight of the ye as the unit was tasked on combat operations overseas to combat terrorism. The mis- sion was characterized with incredible successes and with tragedy as four Patricias made the ultimate sacrifice for Canada. Upon redeployment, the battalion conducted change of command as LCol Mike Beaudette took over command from LCol Pat Stogran in mid August. After a two month rest period the unit got back to business a began a new training cycle.

Alpha Company (Para)

2002 was clearly a tumultuous year of extreme highs and lows, built around deployment to Afghanistan in January. We were an integral force in all of the 3 PPC Battle Group operations in those, by now well known, mountains and deserts. All ran rose to the challenge with enthusiasm and that infectious 'paratrooper' panache, per- forming brilliantly under tremendous physical and mental stress.

Before the shock of arrival had even registered (within 24 hours for some!), th A Company Gp deployed into the Kandahar perimeter trenches as full-fledged mem- bers of The Rakassans. After initial weeks of sand, arcs, bunker reconstruction, and occasional flooded hole on the line, the real excitement began with an unexpected launch into combat operations. Lead company elements (3 Platoon and OC's tac) air- assaulted onto "the WHALE" to secure the LZ before pushing off the next day, as pa of the Battle Group effort to clear Al Qaeda from the area. Several days of air assaults and methodical humps under heavy loads through the mountain crags and ravines of the Shah-I-Kot valley proved taxing to even the fittest in the company.

Upon return to Kandahar, we were given a new home and new tasks. A busy schedule of live-fire training at the former Al Qaeda training camp, Tarnak Farm, was superimposed onto a quick reaction force role. On 10 April, 1 Platoon answered the readiness call and with excellent initiative and resilience secured an AH-64 crash site. Earlier, 2 Platoon had set the 'reaction' bar standard when called to prepare a ground response option with the Recce Sqn. Unfortunately, the tempo of these weeks was shattered when disaster struck late on 17 April. In a tragic event of national significance, an American F-16 pilot released a 500 lb bomb on the Company during night live fire training, killing four of our best. Paratroopers, Sgt Marc

Cpl Seaton - "I love this stuff"

Leger, Cpl Ainsworth Dyer, Pte Richard Green, and Pte Nathan Smith were lost while eight others were wounded - two critically. Amidst the chaos and tragedy, the A Company Gp truly shone, saving the lives of all who could be saved and reacting with calm, collected urgency.

Cpl Dyer and Maj Hackett - a Mountain Man's snack

As horrible as the loss was, we showed the nation and ourselves the very best qualities we possess. Our comrades were sent home with dignity and a fitting airborne tribute, and by the anniversary of Kap'Yong Day, the Company Gp was back in action - preparing to launch on the next Air Assault from Bagram Airfield into Tora Bora. After reshaping that landscape, we returned to the mind-numbing KAF perimeter in the hope of more combat ops. But the main focus shifted to supporting Sgt Hinkey's R&R plan, and the construction of a memorial cairn - an Inukshuk, or Inuit stone figure in the shape of a man pointing towards home - to commemorate the Canadian and Coalition sacrifices.

Back in Canada on our return to work in October, it was time to reassert our covenant with parachute training, and our raison d'etre. With the inspirational recovery of Sgt Lorne Ford as an example, the Para Company took advantage of several opportunities to get beneath 'the silk' - sadly, with our four missing from the manifest. Hardened, worn, and wiser for our experience, the Company remains tight and looking for those greater challenges. Have a good one Jumper! AIRBORNE!

B Company

Operation APOLLO stands out as the event worthy of note for all who had the good fortune to be part of the 3 PPCLI Battlegroup. B Company led the way into Afghanistan with members of 5 Platoon, under the able leadership of Lt Glen Cowan ("Action 6") and WO Mike Robitaille, narrowly beating 4 Platoon (under Lt Gord Macleod and WO Ralph Thornton) on to the tarmac at KANDAHAR Airfield late on 31 January 2002. Not to be outdone, Lt Derek Prohar ("Predator 6") and WO John Mckenzie were not far behind, leading 6 Platoon into the dust and desert that was to be our home over the next 6 months.

Sgt Leger

Over the course of the bat-

Lean, mean, fighting machines.

tlegroup's operations in Afghanistan B Company elements participated in every major combat operation conducted while deployed. Everybody got a good taste of the desert (and then some!) during defence and security operations "on the line" in Sector WHITE during the first few weeks at the airfield. As long as the days sometimes seemed, Operation HARPOON, the first combat air assault into the SHAH-I-KOT Valley, was not long in coming. Although Capt Frank Sbarra (aka "The Eagle"), liked living in the dug-in sea can which had become his home in Kandahar, we were able to shake him out of his nightly CP routine long enough to fly him into LZ SPEAR with the rest of the battalion's vanguard in mid-March in order to clear the WHALE of the bad guys. In late April, Operation WHITE FOX took 5 Platoon and 6 Platoon with the OC's tac to Khowst for a month (where CSM Jerry Scheidl was able to perfect his 'offensive driving' techniques in pursuit of pesky rocket launchers). While 4 Platoon held the fort in Kandahar, our MOI's were off to Tora Bora for Operation TORII. After a long haul we were off to Dubai for some well-deserved R&R. Heading back to dusty Kandahar was tough for those who came out of Khowst in late May, but QRF duties and aggressive live fire training kept the doldrums away in between bouts of the dreaded "White Cycle" until we launched on Operation CHEROKEE SKY in

Cpl Abby

"Ah sir, the Base is over that way . . ."

the Qalat area on Canada Day.

B Coy returns after another mission in Afghanistan

Cease operations day came soon enough and by the middle of July we were in full packing mode, getting everything stowed for the long journey home. Again, B Company led the way (thankfully!), flying out of Kandahar for Diego Garcia, and beyond on 28 July. The week in Guam was fun (although little hazy!) but it was good to finally set foot back home to an overwhelmingly appreciative Edmonton in early August. After the 2 weeks of parades and reintegration, the Coy was as eager as ever to lead the way off on 65 (yes, 65!) days of well-deserved leave.
AIR ASSAULT!!

C Company

C Company (LRP) has gone through many changes throughout this past year. We started off in mid September 2001 preparing for a normal training year. However, once the Warning Order for Operation APOLLO arrived, things quickly changed. C Coy was disbanded and its soldiers were spread throughout the Battalion (Bn) to fill any shortages. Upon the return from Operation APOLLO, our incoming Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Beaudette, decided to reconfigure the Bn and sub-units.

Once again C Coy was stood-up. Since our soldiers returned from their disembarkation leave the Bn has been in a PCF Cycle. Many of C Coy soldiers were on course or tasked in support of these courses. It was during this time that our Officer Commanding (OC), Major Mills, decided that C Coy needed something. A Coy is the Parachute Coy, B Coy has always been referred to as Mountain Coy and C Coy was known as "the other Coy". Therefore, OC C came up with a specialized Coy task which focuses on light force capabilities. He was adamant that regardless of insertion method or terrain, the Coy would be prepared to fight in any condition. Thus, Long Range Patrolling (LRP) Coy was born.

Wish we had some of these!

Col Beare inspecting during the 3VP Change of Command Parade

What does this mean to the Coy? It has given us the opportunity to develop Coy Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) that focus on patrolling. Each platoon is tasked with various tasks / skills to become the subject matter experts within the Coy. Since the Coy is relatively young in both age and job experience, there has been an overwhelming rush of ideas and suggestions on how to develop the Coy from every rank level.

C Coy (LRP) is now preparing for the new year. Besides all the normal Bn administration that normally follows Christmas, the Coy is focussing its sights on the Fort Benning Experimentation Series 5 (FBES 5). The Coy was fortunate to have sent some soldiers on FBES 4 in November and now the entire Coy will be deploying to Fort Benning for the continuation of the experiments. The Coy will trial new equipment and capabilities that the Military is considering. We look forward to testing the Personal Role Radio (MARCONI), the Digital Tactical Map Display, the Weapon / Head Mounted GPS Navigational Aid, and Colour Night Vision Goggles. In order to prepare for this tasking, the Coy is focussing on building team work by rappelling out of CH-146, conducting unarmed combat training, practicing FIBUA drills and of course - PATROLLING.

Direct Fire Support Platoon

The highlight of the past year is no doubt the role that Anti-Armour Platoon (AAP) played in the 3 PPCLI Battle Group's deployment on Operation APOLLO. Under the command of Captain Rob Lowe and Warrant Officer Bill Annand, AAP arrived in Kandahar, Afghanistan in early February 2002. From the outset, the platoon was busy using their TOW thermal sights as part of an integrated perimeter defensive of Kandahar Airfield. The troops and equipment were vital in determining accurate SPOTREPs and providing a key role of filling the gaps in the battalion surveillance plan. During a period of heightened indirect fire threats against allied troops at the airfield, AAP provided a dismounted TOW screen south of the airfield in an attempt to intercept and locate any enemy BM-12 Multiple Rocket Launch Platforms; this operation was named Op DEVIL'S WATCH.

During the Battle Group's main offensive operation, Op HARPOON, AAP deployed as attachments to the rifle companies and augmented the Battle Group advance to contact in the mountains in Eastern Afghanistan. By providing over watch, they allowed the Battle Group to move under cover of machine gun fire to clear caves and sweep the mountain of any Al-Qaeda fighters. Anti-Armour Platoon's mission on the "Whale" was captured in the Battle Group print which shows Cpl Chris Durette leading his machine gun section to the crest of the rugged mountain range.

The "real" essence of Light Infantry

In May, the ever-elusive search for Osama Bin Laden took the Battle Group to the White Mountains of Tora Bora. AAP proved their value and displayed their diversity by deploying as an indirect machine gun asset. Using the C6 machine gun and the C2 sight, the platoon was able to cover possible enemy approaches into the valley with indirect fire from the machine guns. Although this mission did not uncover the location of Bin Laden, it was successful in that key Al-Qaeda positions were destroyed. By mounting the C6 guns on to the TOW jeeps, AAP evolved into a mounted MG and TOW Platoon and began the transformation into Direct Fire Support (DFS) Platoon as it exists now. During Op CHEROKEE SKY, the platoon executed a road move of approximately 150km from Kandahar to the town of Qalat, where they performed numerous security duties.

When the Platoon arrived back in Canada, the troops enjoyed eight weeks leave before heading back to work and picking up where they left off from Afghanistan, in developing the role of a DFS platoon within the battalion. Using lessons learned from operational experience, DFS platoon remains configured as a mounted machine gun platoon, and is integral in providing the battalion with the mobile fire support it requires. With new equipment and vehicles on the horizon, the future of DFS platoon will be an exciting evolution and learning process as DFS doctrine is developed within the context of a light infantry battalion.

Rumsfeld and Stogran - "Nice suit."

Signals Platoon

Over the past year, 3 PPCLI Signals Platoon faced numerous challenging tasks. Prior to deploying on Operation APOLLO, the platoon developed and supported all communications requirements for a constantly changing mission. During the deployment, platoon members

". . . can't wait to look in the mirror, cause I get better looking each day . . ."

were involved in all combat operations, often bearing the heaviest loads in the roughest terrain. While in camp, the signalers, technicians, linemen, and infantrymen all contributed to the overall morale of the troops by providing and maintaining welfare services such as an Internet café, a satellite television and radio system, and welfare phones. Post tour saw the platoon return to a normal, but still busy routine. Aside from providing day-to-day support to the Battalion, members conducted a pilot TCCCS Basic Communicator Course and deployed on base during Exercise VIRTUAL RAM 02. Velox Versutus Vigilans

Recce Platoon

By the middle of January, Recce Pl was completing pre-deployment preps for its upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. Following a few days of pre-deployment leave, Recce Pl was off to Afghanistan with the remainder of the Bn. Upon arrival in Kandahar, Recce Pl found itself almost immediately deployed to the neighboring governor's compound outside the Kandahar Airfield. This proved to be a fascinating experience. Op HARPOON, an operation involving the conduct of an air-assault onto a hill feature named the "Whale" followed on the heels of Op ANACONDA, the major US offensive in the hills of Shahi-Kowt Valley. It was during this operation that our snipers performed with amazing skill and courage under intense enemy fire. As word of the snipers' performance trickled back to the Bn during its final preps for Op HARPOON, the inspirational effect was clearly felt by all.

Once on the ridge of the "Whale" feature, Recce Pl deployed onto the highest ground with the task of identifying potential objectives and enemy activity and covering the Bn's advance. The ground was especially brutal and the progress slow. The thin air also added to the difficulty of the movement as we found ourselves at altitudes ranging from 10-12000 ft. As the Bn advanced,

"I tell you man, a Sgt carries his gun like this, not like that."

there was no resistance although every cave and hole had to be "exploited" in order to properly confirm or deny the existence of ammunition caches and/or enemy troops. All enemy positions seemed abandoned as Recce Pl moved along the ridge until the very end when C/S 64, led by Sgt Tory White, identified what appeared to be an occupied bunker. The objective was picketed and the Coy hasty attack was conducted in textbook fashion resulting in the enemy position being properly exploited and the enemy destroyed. The Bn soon redeployed after having successfully scoured the entire objective area.

"What! I'm ready! I'm ready! I'm ready! I'm NOT ready!"

The remainder of the tour saw the Bn deploy on two more Bn-level offensive operations and a number of smaller coy-sized tasks. Recce Pl remained extremely busy participating in these operations and conducting patrols in the area surrounding the airfield. Of note was the employment of Recce Pl during Op CHEROKEE SKY that saw Recce Pl deploy using unconventional tactics, techniques and procedures in order to enter the objective area inconspicuously. This drastic departure from established doctrine proved to be extremely successful in the context of Op APOLLO and should ultimately serve as food for animated discussion at learning establishments across the CF.

Capt Watson and Sgt Gauley - Winning the hearts and minds

Upon redeployment from Op Apollo, Recce Pl enjoyed some much-needed rest. That being said, the Pl certainly hit the ground running in October as we launched straight into a Basic Recce Patrolman course before Christmas. The course was both challenging and fun (at least for the instructors) and it ended the year on an appropriately high note. RECCE LEADS THE WAY!

Cpl Prince - all this and money too!

Administration Company

Those who are already aware of Administration Company's exploits in the last year know it was a year of firsts. Deployment on Op APOLLO gave us ample opportunity to challenge conventional ideas, and to push the envelope on developing and implementing solutions to Light Forces Support and Sustainment, that have never been faced until now. Administration Company's pre-deployment exercise in Wainwright was the first time we were able to practice shooting with the PAC-4 laser designator system and Night Vision Goggles (NVG). However, as luck would have it, the -30c temperatures combined with loose NVG straps caused many of us to return to Edmonton ready to deploy to the desert, with frostbite on our noses.

On the "Whale" feature, during OP HARPOON, we lay claim to having completed the furthest tactical Air Assault resupply in US and Cdn history. It also happened to be the highest tactical Air Assault resupply recorded. We moved 30,000 pounds of material, 315 km from the Forward Operating Base to the objective area at an elevation of 8,000 feet above sea level. We were also the first country between the US and NATO that Air Assaulted a tracked vehicle (BV 206) into a combat zone. It was also the first time a Canadian Battle Group was fully integrated into the US military's support and sustainment system.

During Op APOLLO, Administration Company held the recognition of being trained and designated as the 3rd Brigades' Riot Control Force during the transport of local Muslims to the Haj from the Kandahar Airfield. Also notable was that on the rapid deployment for Operation HARPOON, the Canadian cooks were tasked to man a section of the Kandahar Air Field perimeter, and almost half of Maintenance Platoon Air-Assaulted forward to conduct helo landing zone security operations, which can only be assumed is a first for them, at least in recent history. This last year has been a phenomenal adventure. When push came to shove, we all rose to the occasion and performed above and beyond the call of duty. We can all be proud of our team exploits, both the "firsts" mentioned here and the day to day support of the Battle Group that enabled such a successful and memorable mission to occur.

Capt Jasper telling Gen (Ret'd) Baril where to go during the Tarnak Farm investigation

Cpl Thombs and friend

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Pte Evergham, Sgt Macgillivray, and Cpl Reagan in Khost

French Grey Battalion
The Infantry School

Greetings and warm wishes to our Patricia brethren stationed across Canada and throughout the world. As per normal, 2002 was very busy for all members of the French Grey Battalion crafting, staffing and conducting courses for the Army and the Infantry Corps. Fortunately for us because we are in Gagetown we get to see many of friends as they pass through the hallowed gates of CTC to complete career or advanced courses, as well as augmenting and supporting other courses.

LCol Pearson and CWO McArdle

Not to sound corny but, the Infantry School is an excellent place to develop a grow professionally. 2002 saw some exciting changes for the Infantry Corps as the new training system was fully implemented. A tremendous amount of effort and work went into TP/QS and courseware production by all members of the Infantry School. Some of the most prominent course conversions include BIOC Ph II, SAIC and 6B, which are now known as CAP, DP 3A and DP 3B respectively. These courses and o ers have all been revamped and streamlined to match career progression without los- ing any of the professional challenges experienced in their predecessors. Of special note, two new courses have come on-line for the snipers throughout the Army. The Infantry School Sniper Cell conducted the Material Neutralization pilot course in the fa and will be conducting the Sniper Detachment pilot course in early 2003.

With every unit, people come and go each year. The French Grey Battalion h some notable Officer and Sr NCO departures in 2002. After completing a tremendous amount of work on the MAIS Trial, Capt Brent Kerr departed for Ottawa. The ever dashing and swash-buckling ex-brit, Capt Craig Robertson departed for 2PPCLI in Winnipeg. And finally, Capt Ralph Sears departed for WATC. WO Rod Dearing returned to 3PPCLI and reports are that he's doing well but misses the hunting. WO Ashley Stander was post- ed to Warminster in the UK where he'll be very influential in training numerous young British officers over the com- ing years. WO Joe Wiebe

WO Seymour - "It started off as a hair on my back but it grew"

2Lt Gill - "I can't wait to get to Bn and get someone else to carry this thing"

was posted back to 1PPCLI and was both happy and sad. He'd spent so much time setting up his workshop in his basement that he was sad to leave it. On the other hand, his eyes would glaze over imagining the workshop he could create once he arrived in Edmonton. Remember, safety first Joe! Lastly, we must mention Capt Kahlil Fegan the Australian Exchange Officer. For the past two years, it seems that Kahlil had been to more Patricia events than any of the actual Patricias at the School! Some noteworthy events were: the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong where he carried the Australian flag during the Trooping, Ric-a-Dam-Doo and every Broom-I-loo game played in CTC Gagetown. WO Jeff Butler has worked with Capt Fegan for the past two years in the BIOC Ph III cell and, though sad to see him go, is looking forward to "breaking in" the new exchange officer in the new year.

There are three farewells to pass on to outgoing members of the French Grey Battalion. First, MCpl Tony McIver received his remuster to the RCR and was cross-posted to 2RCR here in CTC Gagetown. The ironic part was that a week after he'd left the Infantry School as a Patricia, he was back teaching as a Royal! Go figure. Second, Cpl Garry Thorne received his OT to MOC 411 Vehicle Tech and was posted to CFSME in Borden.

Last and definitely not least is Maj Jake Bell who retired in Moncton this past year with his wife and family. Everyone that had the opportunity to work with or for Maj Bell will know that he was an excellent leader that always gave it to you straight, good or bad. Word has it that he's joined the Reserves and will take over as the CO of 2RNBR in the New Year. Good luck in the future to all!

Capt Hartson and WO Stander - "I'm telling you sir, your beard gave you away"

LCol Pearson rebadges MCpl McIver to the RCR - The PPCLI wishes you the bes

Upon reading The Patrician last year, LCol Michael Pearson, the Commandant of the Infantry School (RCR), was dismayed by the numerous Patricias that had topped their respective courses throughout 2001. It didn't help that RSM Dave McCardle provided the Cmdt with his copy highlighting these accomplishments. In RSM McArdle's soft-spoken and subtle manner, he pointed out to LCol Pearson that the Patricia's had made a clean sweep of the top spots. I'm sorry to report that the Patricia's didn't make a clean sweep as per 2001 but we did have Patricias top the three premier leadership courses conducted by the Infantry School. Lt McKeen for BIOC Ph IV, Sgt Hessel for QL 6B and MCpl King for DP3A (the old SAIC). Congratulations to all!

I would like to take this time to highlight one extraordinary Patricia in the French Grey Battalion, WO Perry Kawa. Regimental HQ should note that WO Perry Kawa has done wonders for filling the coffers as the Regimental Kit Shop representative. Everyone that sees him to replace old Regimental t-shirts and shorts seems to walk away with four or five more items than they had intended on purchasing?!? It is recommended that you check to see if you have your

OCdt Ross - taking time to smell the roses

2Lt Higgins

wallet upon departure. Like Rupelstilskin, this man could turn a sow's ear into a golden handbag ...

Sooner or later everyone seems to pass through the Infantry School. We'll keep the beer on ice for when you do ...

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"Capt George Boyuk receives the CF Physical Fitness Award for Aerobic Excellency - Bronze Seal. No caption required ... !?!"

Sgt Penney - "No soup for you!"

WO Marshal, WO Standford, and Cpl Burte

Maj Haverstock and CWO McArdle present Cpl Thorne with his Regimental Certificate for his years of service

"The French Grey Bn group shot after the 'East' was soundly thrashed by the 'West'.

"Capt Kahlil Fegan had no idea what he was doing but, kept smiling and was consistently heard saying, 'This is the Duck's Guts, Mate!' After two years at the Infantry School we're still not really sure what he's saying at any particular time but, we assumed this was a good thing ... "

Land Force Western Area Training Centre

2002 was a memorable year in the history of our Regiment. The painful losses that we suffered in Afghanistan reminded us all of the dangers inherent in our jobs. The experience also reminded us of the essential role the Regiment plays in times of need. We will remember our fallen brothers.

The past year at WATC was marked by several transitions. We welcomed a new Patricia Commanding Officer, LCol Bailey. LCol Bailey assumed command from Maj Fawcett, who commanded for over four months. The courses delivered by WATC also changed. Now we can add SQ, BIQ, and PLQ to our lexicon. Essentially, SQ (Soldier Qualification) and BIQ (Basic Infantry Qualification) replaced the QL3 course, and PLQ (Primary Leadership Qualification) is the successor to the JLC/JNCO. The efforts of WATC's instructional staff in overcoming the many challenges associated with implementing the new course material are commendable.

WATC also welcomed Maj McKnight back to Wainwright. After the hardship of serving two years in Australia, Maj McKnight became the Operations Officer of the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre. In a very short time, CMTC will become a major component of Canada's Army, providing a very realistic collective training environment for our forces.

Capt Hildebrandt and WO Poffley from the Militia Training Support Centre prepare for another After-Action Review following Reserve Unit training.

Pte Alfau and Pte Ward stand guard while on QL3 Infantry Serial 0209.

Advanced Training Company staff: (R to l) WO Therrien, WO Denkowycz, Sgt MacLaren, Sgt Davis, MCpl Kerr, Major McKillop, Sgt Barkley, Sgt McIndoe, Sgt Leblanc, Capt Lindsay, Sgt Stevens, WO Ryan, Sgt McLean, WO Fribance, MCpl St Pierre.

The Wainwright PPCLI Association coordinated an extremely successful PPCLI Association Annual General Meeting in September. Well done to former RSMs Mr. Bert Scott and Mr. Wally Komadina and their committee.

WATC was extremely fortunate to host the Colonel of the Regiment, Gen de Chastelain, during a summer graduation ceremony and MGen (Retd) Mackenzie at our Regimental Day celebrations.

The Patricia tradition continues at WATC. We continue to train Patricia soldiers and junior leaders as well as providing a world-class training base, where warfighting skills are practiced and perfected.

Sgt McLean, Pte Fawcett, and Pte Dunn get ready to accept the next infantry serial during the Canadian Forces expanded recruitment drive.

Staff of QL3 Infantry Serial 0209. (L to R) Cpl Allen (2 PPCLI), 2Lt Schaub (2 PPCLI), Sgt Smith (WATC), Sgt Pickford (WATC), MCpl McKee (2 PPCLI), MCpl Salesse (2 PPCLI), WO Kelln (WATC).

WATC personnel who were serving with 2 PPCLI during the Medak Pocket Operation: (Standing) MCpl Spracklin, Sgt Graham, Sgt Lavallee, MCpl Hoddinott, Sgt McIndoe, Sgt Forest. (Sitting) Capt Murphy, LCol Bailey, Maj McKillop, Capt Berscheid. (Not Present) Sgt Elliott, Sgt Gall, Sgt Hodgson, Cpl Miller.

WATC HQ staff: (L to R) MWO McNaughton, Capt Sears, Major Fawcett, LCol Bailey, CWO Pryce, Capt Parent, and Capt Henderson.

The Colonel of the Regiment inspects an Honour Guard while Sgt Dunn looks on.

Senior Parade Appointments from PLQ (Land) Serials 0201 and 0202. (L to R) Cpl Bowen (2 PPCLI), Cpl Kitchen (1 PPCLI) and Cpl Ramos (1 PPCLI).

Canadian Parachute Centre

The past year has been a busy one for the eleven Patricias and our adopted Signaler here at CPC. Course followed course, compounded by the usual frustrations of dealing with Air Force airplanes, crews, and the always interesting Trenton weather. However, by the end of the year, the staff here looked back with pride after conducting nine Basic Parachutist courses, two Military Freefall courses, the Pathfinder course, and numerous trials, Tactical Airlift exercises and other courses. Of particular note was the first Static Line Square Parachute course, which will provide a new capability to the Army and to joint operations.

Captain James Chorley, WO Dave Hubbard, Sgt Kevin Karambowich and Sgt John Mc Nabb joined us in the summer of 2002, while Sgt Lee Bibby became Cpl Lee Bibby and went off to greener (or perhaps bluer) pastures as a Search and Rescue Technician. WO Ed McClean, Capt Chris Lindsay and Capt Gerhardt Hildebrant returned to God's Country, WO McLean to Edmonton and Capts Lindsay and Hildebrandt to Wainwright. Sgt Dave Mailhot joined MCpl Kyle Daniels in the Hasting and Prince Edward Regiment, developing the Total Force.

Those of us who remained in Trenton carried on with the numerous activities in the school. WO Charlie Sheppard tore out what little remained of his hair conducting the Patrol Pathfinder Course, while Captain Troy Neufeld remained remarkably calm throughout the whole time. WO Rene Kiens was initiated into the world of staffwork by the particularly sadistic Chief Standards Officer, Capt Innis. Sgts Joe Hillier and Ron Gillis continued as sterling members of the busiest platoon in the school, putting in many hours supporting the Air Force, instructing on Aerial Delivery, Helicopter Operations and Drop Zone Controller courses, and then changing hats to instruct and coach on Basic Parachutist and Military Freefall courses. Sgt "Squid" Carlson continued to develop his freefalling skills, qualifying as a Tandem - Master and working on aerial videography. Finally, MCpl Dean Gorman, who has finally gone completely gray, carried on his thankless task as the unit Signals NCO and head computer geek.

L to R: WO Sheppard,Sgt Gillis, WO Hubbarb, Capt Innis, Sgt Carlson, and Sgt McNabb.

The next year promises to be an interesting one here at the

Sgt Kiens - commuting to work

school, as new courses are developed and existing programs evolve. With three freefall courses, the Advanced Mountain Operations and the Patrol Pathfinder all set to run back-to-back starting in April, the year promises to be particularly busy. In the meantime, we wish our fellow Patricias fair winds and soft landings, with a particularly heartfelt welcome to Third Battalion on their return from Afghanistan. For the rest of you, we wish you were here as well.

Back row, L to R: PPF Instructors: Sgt Robin (R22ER), Sgt Smith (RCHA), Sgt Ogilvie (RCR), Sgt Thibault (RCR), Capt Neufeld (PPCLI), Sgt Cushman (RCR), MCpl Teather (RCR). Front row, L to R: PPF Graduates: WO Verner (RCR), Lt Beardmore (PPCLI), Capt Roy (R22ER), Cpl Basha (RCR), Capt Gallo (PPCLI), Lt Luft (PPCLI), MCpl Rhoads (RCR), and Lt Slack (QOR).

Capt Neufeld (center) before para water insertion

Capt Neufeld after para water insertion - any questions?

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It has been rumoured for years that the Patricia's dreamed of forming a true warfighting PPCLI Regimental Headquarters to command the three Battalions in operations, however the concept has been met with significant resistance within the Land Staff and NDHQ. Go figure. It is rumoured that an innovative solution was crafted in the messes of Kingston to solve the issue. "If we can't create a new Headquarters, let's take one over" a young Captain on TCSC was overheard saying while engaged in the merits of pub life. Several senior officers heard the comment and gave each other that look. The plan was born.

HQ 1 CMBG has become that PPCLI Regimental HQ, with a number of Patricias in the fold. G3 1 CMBG, Maj Dave Corbould has the onerous task of managing all the Patricia personalities in the Headquarters. The presence of the Brigade RSM - CWO John McGregor is critical to maintaining perspective within HQ 1 CMBG. Patricias anchoring the G3 cell include G3 Operations - Maj John Errington, G3 Training 2 - Capt Bob Ritchie, G3 Tasks - Capt Gord MacLeod, G3 Training Resources - WO Greg Leonard, G3 Individual Training - Sgt Ron Gallant and G3 Tasks 2 - MCpl Wayne Williams. G1 1 CMBG - Maj Dan Blanc, better known as the combat G1, is vital in preserving the patrolling spirit within the Headquarters.

Back (L to R) Capt MacLeod, Capt Ritchie, Maj Errington, Sgt Gallant, MCpl Williams
Front (L to R) Maj Blanc, Maj Corbould, CWO McGregor, WO Leonard

Life at HQ 1 CMBG has been extremely busy over the last 12 months. HQ 1 CMBG played a prominent role in generating, mounting and training the 3 PPCLI Bn Grp for Operation APOLLO Rotation 0, the 1 PPCLI BG and the 2 PPCLI BG for Operation PALLADIUM Rotations 11 and 12 respectively. Considerable effort was also applied to the planning, coordination and execution of Operation GRIZZLY, a domestic operation conducted in support of the G8 Summit. While all Patricias within HQ 1 CMBG worked hard to manage the tempo of operations within 1 CMBG during 2002, specific mention should be made of Maj John Errington who was awarded the LFC Commendation for his efforts with Operation APOLLO Rotation 0.

APS 03 will drastically change the face of Patricia's within HQ 1 CMBG. Maj John Errington and Capt Gord MacLeod are posted to 3 PPCLI while Maj Dan Blanc and Sgt Ron Gallant are returning to regimental life with 1 PPCLI. MCpl Williams is releasing following 10 years of distinguished service in order to pursue a career with the RCMP.

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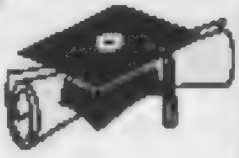

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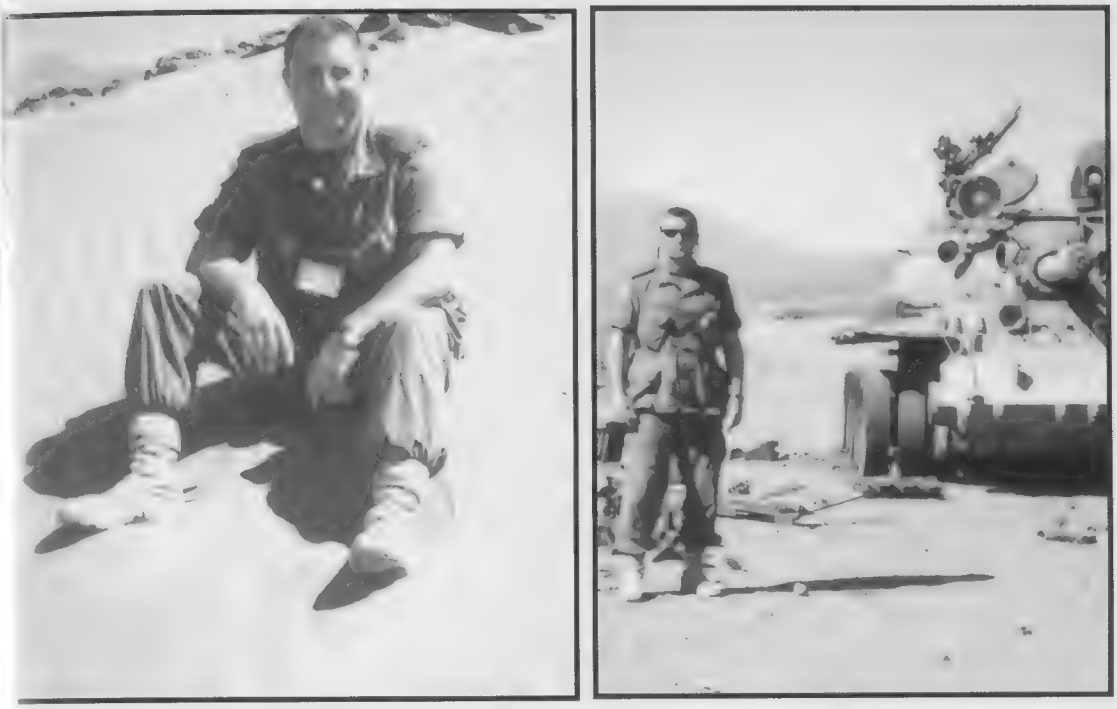
Patricias on the Dark Continent

MWO O'Connor on patrol in Sierra Leone during Op SCULPTURE Roto 2

MWO Schaffel helping rebuild the Sierra Leone Army during Op SCULPTURE Roto 0 - "Hey you! Get a haircut!"

MWO Kolotylo providing advice to an officer in the Sierra Leone Army during Op SCULPTURE Roto 0 - weapon always at hand (manly pose #1)

Capt MacPherson paying the African troops their meagre wage of $5 a day during Op SCULPTURE Roto 2 in Sierra Leone



Maj Urzinger as an UNMO in Eritria during Op ADDITION

Capt Hess von Kruedener as an UNMO in the Congo during Op CROCODILE (manly pose #2)

Maj Reinelt as an UNMO during Op CROCODILE in the Congo (wake up sir!)

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- *°Interchangeable parts aren't.*

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Patricias in Korea

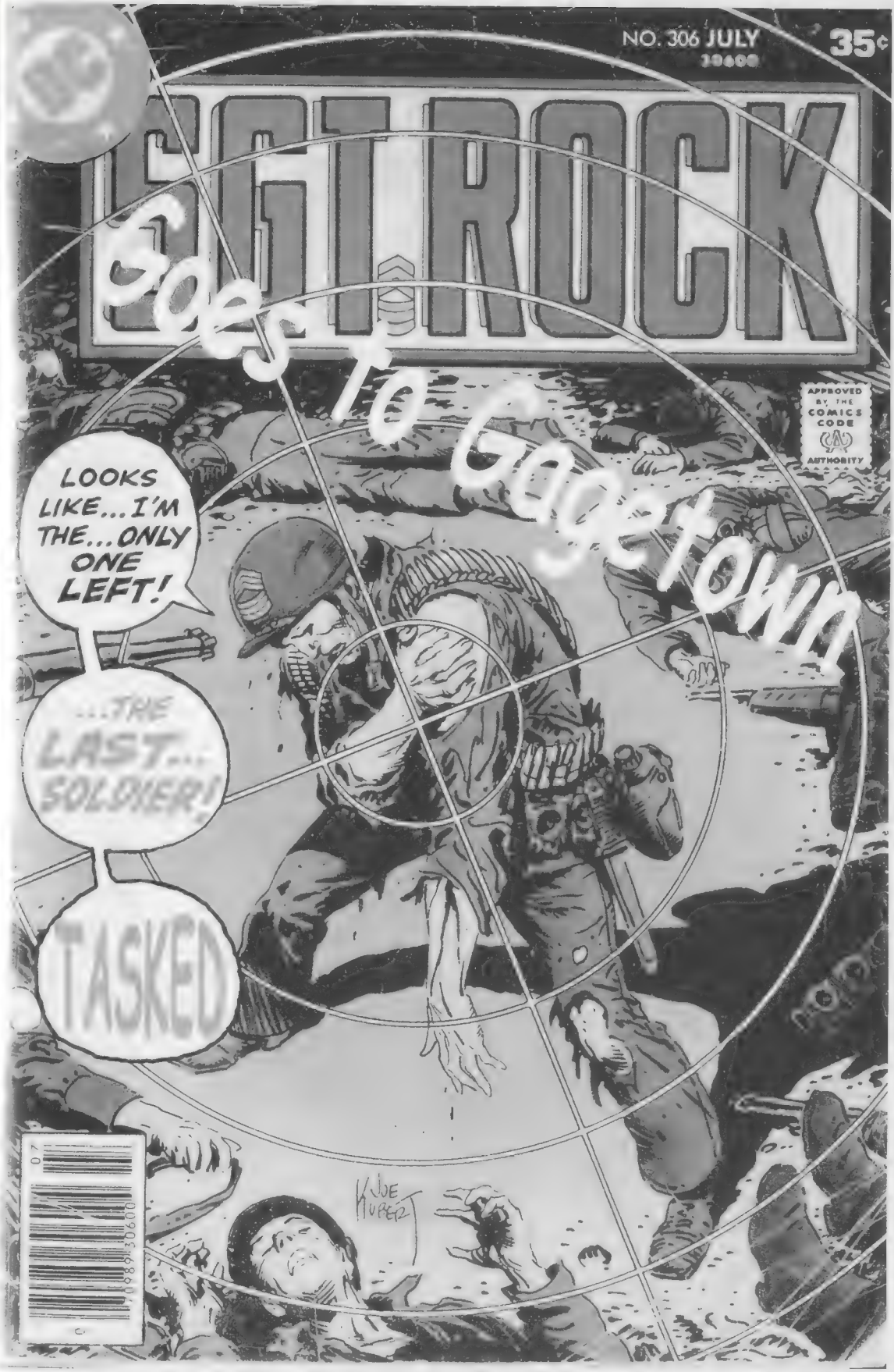
Maj Kenneally

"Greetings, or Annyonghaseyo from Daejon South Korea, where the PPCLI, CF, and Canadian flags fly high. I am currently the (second) Canadian Exchange Officer on the Korean Armed Forces Staff College Course. The course began in August 2002 and will end July 26th 2003 (coincidentally the day before the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice).

It seems like a very long time ago that (August 2000) that I handed over command of Administration Company in the Second Battalion. A lot has occurred since then in this unusual route to the elusive letters psc. One must do extensive Korean language training in order to complete a demanding Staff College program which runs six days a week and is conducted completely in Korean. During the preceding language training year in Seoul, I was also employed as an Assistant Liaison Officer at the United Nations Command, which included some very interesting guard post inspections and duties along the entire width of the Demilitarized Zone.

I have had the privilege to accompany some of our very fine veterans to Kapyong (pronounced Gap' pyung now) and the United Nations Cemetery in Pusan. At the UNC Cemetery, the only one in the world, a new Monument to the Canadian Fallen of the Korean War was dedicated last year. This statue, with a Canadian Korean War soldier holding two Korean children in his arms, is truly inspiring. Almost as inspiring was the drive and selfless service of the many Korean War veterans and their friends who funded much of the project, which was conceived and spearheaded by a great Canadian patriot and PPCLI veteran of the war, Mr. Vince Courtenay. Their story deserves to be told especially in this 50th anniversary year. Ask a veteran about the Monument to the Canadian Fallen.

Alongside military duties have been a wide variety of cultural opportunities. Korea is a fascinating country of contradictions and paradoxes. Centuries old traditions are practiced daily by the world's leading user of the Internet and cell phones. Korea has been invaded and occupied many times so Koreans are somewhat mistrustful of foreigners, but at the same time they are overwhelming in their generosity and we have never felt safer than with our children than in this city of 12 million. Some things leap out at you though- people often wear surgical masks in winter outside, from small children to pensioners, making it look like there are many off-duty medical residents. Our tour has been marked by 9/11, the world cup, a minor nuclear issue with the northern neighbours, and many once in a lifetime opportunities. Say hay Bok manee bade ship shee o. Kenneally Soryong.



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Atlantic Area Patricias

The battle for total Patricia domination of the East continues. Under the watchful eye of LCol Chris Corry, 36 CBG Chief of Staff and CO 5 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (CRPG), Atlantic Area Patricias continually find themselves occupying key positions within LFAA despite our inferior numbers and proximity to the other English- speaking regular force infantry regiment. Supporting the Patricia Kingpin of the East is a potent mix of glamour, grit and genius (in that order).

LCol Corry assumed command of 5 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group from LCol Bailey

Maj Scott Bland was posted to LFAA HQ this past APS as the EA to the Comd LFAA. Having a Patricia at the top who can familiarize the Comd with new regimental practices and traditions comes in handy to the rest of the Patricias posted in the East. Thanks to Maj Bland and his powers of persuasion, we are enjoying our new 'Special Patricia Leave' and 'Patricia Appreciation Days'. Maj Keith MacDonald is leaving his current post as the G3 Trg at LFAA HQ and is moving to the Annapolis Valley as the new Det Comd of the LFAA TC at Camp Aldershot. Apparently his monster truck, (including a U.S. 'Ranger Tab' novelty plate and a genuine personalized 1 PPCLI provincial plate) was more testosterone than the Halifax Chapter of the Hell's Angels could handle.

Capt George presenting a 303 Lee Enfield Rifle to Capt (Ret'd) Peter Goldie on his final retirement from the Canadian Forces

Capt Andrew Vivian also joined LFAA HQ this past APS as the G3 Ops 2 and is sequestered away in the Area Operations Center (AOC). Although he has traded in his spurs for a lovely new wife, rumor has it that he was recently ordained over the Internet in the Church of Beer. As the 37 CBG HQ G3 Ops, Capt Eugene Squires is our only Patricia representative at 37 CBG. Incidentally, he is also a regimental historic figure as the only still serving member of the Regiment who dismounted out of the Bren Gun Carrier in vintage

battledress as a 2Lt. Capt Mike Pretty still resides at his current post as RSSO 1 RNFLDR in St John's. As one of our Patricias posted on the Rock, he holds the unique responsibility of regimental translator and scribe of the mysterious Newfound-ese language. MWO Robert Thibeau remains his regimental partner in crime as Adjt at 2 RNFLDR in Corner Brook.

MWO Bud Gilfoy has taken rural Nova Scotia by force as the Ops MWO for the 1st NS Highland Regiment. It is Sgt Lou Short's fourth year in LFAA HQ as the G3 Tasks 2 (clearly his penance for being a dedicated Montreal Canadiens fan) and he is running out of old coffee cups to use as spittoons. WO Carol Skinner remains a permanent fixture at CFB Shearwater training young Cadets and WO Darryell Warrington is the RSS Ops NCO at the PL Fus.

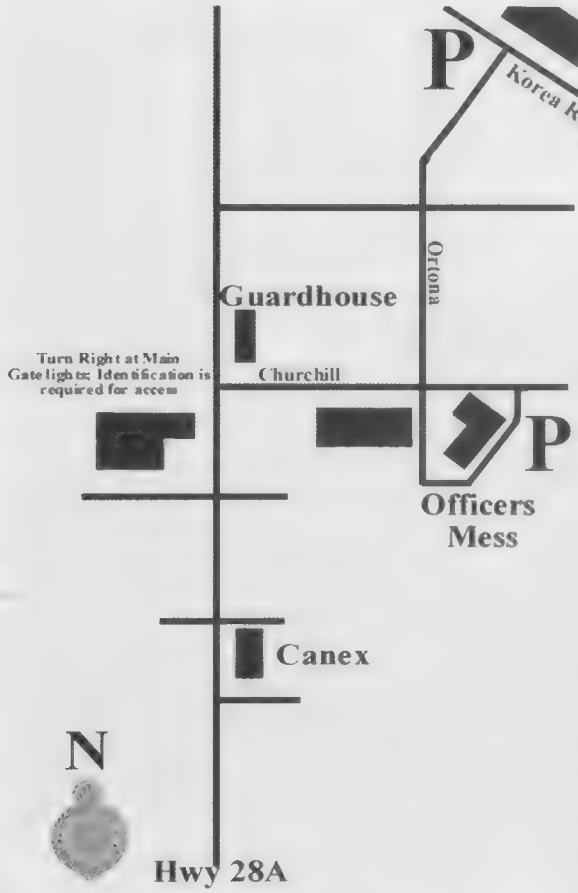
As Ops O of 5 CRPG in Gander, Capt Gord George is our other Atlantic Area Patricia landmark in Newfoundland. Assisted by Ranger Instructors Sgts Frank Legge and Ernie Mugford, Capt George has created an empire of capable Rangers to both aid in ensuring Canadian sovereignty in northern Newfoundland and Labrador, and to ensuring that the VP flag is flown and revered in the most remote regions of Atlantic Canada.

On a more serious note, Atlantic Area Patricias would like to recognize The Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 44 F.E. Butler (Chester, N.S.) for their cenotaph ceremony held in Chester, N.S. this past November in honour of the memory of a fallen Patricia, Pte Richard Green. VP.

Patricias serving with 5 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group: Capt George, LCol Corry, Sgt (Ret'd) Mugford, Capt (Ret'd) Goldie, LCol Bailey, and Sgt (Ret'd) Legge

Quebec Area Patricias

Capt John Gallo, Capt Alex Watson, Sgt Pete Fullerton, and WO Tony Kis mould young minds at the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School.



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Ottawa Area Patricias

2002 marked another busy year for the Patricias serving in the National Capital Region. The extra-Regimental community here is employed in a wide variety of jobs, from software development, to hard operations jobs in the DCDS Group and all kinds of things in between. No single narrative can encapsulate the experiences of a group composed of such a wide array of ranks, employed in a diverse spectrum of jobs and dispersed through out the Region. Having said that, our common Regimental background provides some commonality of experience and there were a number of events worth noting for the Regimental Record. Sadly, not all the news was good: in April the Association lost Ken and Betty Arril; later on a number of Ottawa area Patricias gathered in Lancaster, Ontario to remember Sgt Marc Leger who fell in Afghanistan with three comrades of the 3rd Battalion.

On a lighter note BGen Vince Kennedy retired this year, climbed aboard his RV with Wendy and hit the road. He now seems to be a phantom, reported everywhere by a "friend of a friend" but never appearing in the flesh. We hope the phantom Patricia will manifest himself in 2003 long enough to tell a few tales of life on the other side. Colonel John Turner turned over the duties of Regimental Colonel to Colonel Dave Fraser. Colonel Fraser was employed in the Land Staff in the Reserve Restructuring Project throughout 2002, except for a sojourn on course in Toronto in the fall. Grant "Eat My Dust" McNally also gave up his Regimental duties as the serving representative in Ottawa in order to take a posting to Norfolk, Virginia. We are thankful to him for carrying the Regimental torch here for so long. Grant's posting came at short notice and he extracted himself at remarkable speed, almost like he was cashing a lottery ticket.

In keeping with long standing tradition, the Association hosted this year's Regimental celebration in March and a Regimental Remembrance Service on November 11th. We were graced on the 11th with the presence of Gen de Chastelain and his wife MaryAnn along with MGen Hewson, his wife Norah and Helen Sutherland. In addition to Association members and serving members of the Regiment, a number of re-mustered Patricias and personnel who had been posted to battalions as support staff turned out to round out the crowd. Later in November there was a large turnout of local Patricias at a downtown RV to meet the COs and RSMs as they stopped into the capital on Regimental business.

Capt McKinstry

Our ties with the Association here continued as always and I am thankful, as the local Regimental Representative, for their on-going support. On the 30th of December, our first point of contact in

Maj Marshall and the CDS show their confidence in the SeaKing

the local Association, Harry Bloom, went in for open-heart surgery. I am glad to report that the operation was a complete success and that Harry will be back, better than ever, in the spring. Best wishes from Ottawa to all in the wider Regimental family and hopes that our paths will cross in the future, remember, everyone seems to wind up here eventually.

Borden Area Patricias

MWO Don Schaffel and WO Colin Caddick

Few of you likely even know where Borden is but it is the largest Individual Training Base in the Canadian Forces. It is also a well-kept secret, as it is one hour North of Toronto and one hour South of some of the best cottage country in Canada. If this sounds like a recruiting pitch, in a way it is. In 2002 the Borden Area Patricia num-

bers have dropped off but we continue to hold key ground. Some of you may wonder why an article on the Borden Area Patricias would show four guys in Sierra Leone. Well other than the obvious answer that a picture of me sitting at my desk makes for poor copy keep reading and you will see the connection.

While our boundary covers all the way to Capt Turco and WO Black up in North Bay, Patricias usually fit into two main areas in Borden, the Canadian Nuclear Biological and Chemical School (CFNBCS) or RSS with the Grey and Simcoe Foresters (Barrie and Owen Sound). However, although we are few, the Borden Patricias have spread our reach into most key areas of Borden. I am in the Canadian Forces Support Training Group Headquarters, Major Ken Orr is in Recruit Group Headquarters, and WO Noseworthy is posted in to teach instructional techniques at the Canadian Forces Training Development Centre. Sgt Brooks is still patrolling the Ranges, as is retired Patricia Peter Mackay, which shows you that many options are open and we have an in just about anywhere in the area.

CFNBCS had a changing of the guard. MWO Whitehall left to return to the Third Battalion but MWO Schaffel fresh from a tour training the Army in Sierra Leone arrived to take his spot. The headhunters finally convinced WO Bill Johnston to accept a job with a civilian firm producing NBC equipment and training. In June he and his family moved down to the Niagara Peninsula. WO Caddick came over from RHQ to fill his spot. Sergeant Kenny Surridge moved from an RSS position with the Grey and Simcoe Foresters in Barrie over to the Canadian Forces School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering after completing his 6B course. MCpl George Auer retired from the CF and Capt Dale MacPherson jumped out of his RSS tour early to go to Sierra Leone and then never came back. He has been penalized to a tour as Regimental Adjutant for leaving us early. WO Jessop and MCpl Sampson are still carrying the banner at the Grey and Simcoe Foresters.

2002 also saw the departure of Major Phil Cook who had been the CFSTG G3 Operations but he too went over to Sierra Leone and shortly after his return he retired from the CF. He and his family have set roots in Barrie and still keep in touch. So as you can see our limited numbers were connected to Sierra Leone in 2002. Those wanting a posting to Borden please give me a call. Borden specializes in training what we call PURPLE trades (those serving all three environments) so I see many soon to be Ex-Patricias going through training to become MPs, Medics, Weapon Techs, Dental Techs etc. So whether you want a posting or just passing through on training, look us up. We have the four corners of the Base covered so you must be near one of us.

Did you know?. . .

A Patricia was awarded a medal by the Germans during the war. Private Henry Cochrane was captured during the battle of Sanctuary Wood in June 1916. As a prisoner of war, he was employed on a parole to a local business near Munich. He rescued a three-year-old German girl from drowning and was awarded the Bavarian Cross of Military Merit Third Class.

Murphy's Laws of Combat Operations..

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- *Recoilless rifles - aren't*
- *Incoming fire has the right of way*

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Using soldierly traditions as old as time itself, Kingston area Patricias kept their perspective by occasionally gathering at local watering holes to talk of days of old. Retired old farts from the past, staff weenies of the present and future warriors joined in a strange mix reminiscence of that famous Star wars bar scene. The suspects gathered at one of our outings are: Back row, Maj Ian Hope, Maj Sean Wyatt, Maj retired Lou Grimshaw- PPCLI Association Kingston Branch President, LCol retired Ron Bragdon, LCol Marv Makulowich, Col retired Jim Calvin, Maj Stu Sharpe, LCol retired Jay Lapeyre, LCol Terry Loveridge, Ocdt Matt Dawe, 2Lt Steve Macbeth, 2Lt Andrew Bone, Capt Curtis Smith, Sgt Dave Pierreroy, unknown friend of the Patricias, LCol retired Dave Martin, Sgt Rob Tallion and LCol Ian Hunt. Front Row, Sgt Curtis White, Maj Lindsay Reinelt, Capt Ray Paquin, BGen Glenn Nordick- Senior Serving Patricia, Capt Harpal Mandaher, LCol Shane Brennan, Capt Owen Savage, Sgt Don Van Alstyne. Missing from this particular picture but stalwart members were LCol Shawn Tymchuk, LCol Mike Goodspeed, Maj Doug Delaney, Maj retired Mike Ray, Capt Kyle Easton, Capt Robert Ascah, Capt Steve Grubb, Capt Paete Hess-von Kruedener, Sgt Randall MacDonald and retired MCpl John MacDonald.

Southern Ontario Patricias

Contrary to all rumours the Patricias in Southern Ontario are doing well. There are quite a number of us spread between Toronto, Hamilton, London, Windsor, and Meaford. I will not list off everyone's name, but the Regiment has managed to secure a number of significant positions ranging from Maj Dave Anderson - G3 LFCA HQ, Maj Mark Douglas - G3 31 CBG, Maj Morris Brause - CO CFRC Hamilton to Maj Paul Hale - Area Chief Standards Officer - LFCA HQ and ATC Meaford (previously the RCR Battle School). We also have WO Todd D'Andrade actively doing his best to escape from Windsor and return to regimental duty. Rumour has it, that he wants to return to 3PPCLI and if it is put in writing maybe it will just happen. Sgt Ken Surridge is hiding in Borden, while WO Perry Gresty is in Toronto with the RRC. Capt Steve Boyne is the Army Liaison Officer at the Defence Research Council. LCols Tony Kaduck and Ian Creighton are both DS in Toronto. For all those that I have not mentioned, my apologies.

We held a Regimental Wine and Cheese at the Lincoln and Welland Regiment hosted by Capt Greg Moorehead on 19 October 2002. About 50 people attended and it was an excellent evening, which had two primary purposes. The first was to say farewell to WO Steve Bidwell and Sgt Tim Caudle who have both recently retired after over 20 years of service with the Regiment and joined the reserves. They received their Regimental retirement gifts and are now well settled in the St Catherine's area. The second purpose was the presentation of four hand carved Inukshuk statues to Mr Paul Dyer. The statues were carved by Mr Jim Cosgrove, a local artist from Windsor and were accepted by Cpl Dyer's father on behalf the families that lost loved ones in the Afghanistan. It was an emotional moment for all and served to highlight the past and present sacrifices made by all members of the Regiment.

Finally, from all Southern Ontario Patricias keep your powder dry and your head up.

Maj Hale and Sgt (Ret'd) Caudle

NW ON/MB/SASK Patricias

Scattered across the eastern marches of LFWA, a small band of Patricias holds the log forts from Thunder Bay Ontario through Winnnipeg to Prince Albert Saskatchewan. We have the distinction of being the most dispersed ERE crew inside Canada, which is why we almost never see each other in one place. With the exception of Maj Will Saunders who is busy teaching Army things to Air Force people at 17 Wing in Winnipeg, the rest of us ERE types form part of the tentacles of Land Force Western Area.

Starting in the far east in Thunder Bay, WO Bob Primmer, recently of Op APOLLO fame, arrived to take up duties with the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment, following in the footsteps of WO Jim Spence who has transferred to the Reserve. Here in the Winnipeg area LCol Dave Banks is hiding in 38 CBG HQ, while Capt Mike Lane serves with the Camerons and WO Rick Desjardins with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. (Capt Lane does a few other things as well, as you can see from the enclosed photo). Apparently, being posted to Winnipeg has been a fork in the road for some of us: Capt Sheldon Schmidt took off his CADPAT to put on red serge as an RCMP recruit, Capt Norm White joined 38 CBG HQ as a Reservist, and both MWO Cec Boulter and WO Steve Greeley left the Regular Army to begin life as "citizen soldiers" with the Cameron Highlanders and the Rangers respectively.

WO Derrick Grant, recently of 2PP will shortly be filling WO Greeley's Full Time Support shoes with the Camerons. Moving west, Maj Joe Pollock joined us in Regina as the fearless leader of the LFWA Domestic Operations Detachment, and is still looking for either a flood or a forest fire in Saskatchewan. Across the parade square from Joe, WO Dave Jacobs bravely does the jobs of at least two Full Time Support staff for yet another year, as we wait in hope for any officer brave enough to be posted in to face a Saskatchewan winter. Up in Prince Albert, B Company of the North Saskatchewan Regiment is well served by Sgt Ivan Finstad. Regimental HQ in Saskatoon is graced by Captain Sheldon Maerz (shortly to leave us for life as a Ranger) and Sgt Maj Ed Bonin.

Capt Lane moonlights as a rock star after a hard day as an RSS Officer in Winnipeg

CFNA Patricias

APS 2002 arrives and departs and as the dust settles, the North finds itself three Patricias richer with the arrival of Maj Gibson, WO Baker and Sgt Lepatourel.

The Patricias have managed somehow to extract and/or avoid the headquarters and are all hold up in either 1 CRPG or with RCSU (N). So this year we have decided to avoid all comments about headquarters and concentrate on the units.

After the APS, 1 CRPG kicked off with a change of command of 1 CRPG from Maj Yves Laroche to Maj Stu Gibson on 19 Jul. On the 20th of July, 1 CRPG hit the ground running, with OP NARWHAL, change of command of CFNA, Transfer of Command of Authority (Churchill ptl to 4 CRPG), and the Ranger Working Group just to name a few.

Capt Migadel - "If you don't know knots, tie lots"

The next few months promise to be just busy if not busier than the first few. Two combined exercises (three to five patrol link up) one in the Yukon and one in the Eastern Arctic, normal patrol trg (50 patrols a year), support to two Sov Ops, one Enhanced Patrol to Mould Bay and a second one from Alert to Resolute Bay being planned should keep us busy until we can fit in some Adv Trg in the Spring.

Vigilans, Custos Borealis, VP.

Patricias in the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Northern)

WO Jure

Well hello from the RCSU (N) in the Great White North. Capt Ron Migadel, WO Steve Sandahl, WO Leslie Leighton and WO Wayne Jure have had a busy year conducting cadet activities across the three territories. The winter is our busy travel time (8 months of travel) airplanes, trucks and skidoo's get us around the north; from the Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut. This takes us to over 100 days "on the road" (only a catch phrase up here, as there is only roads in NWT and Yukon that go further than 100km).

Whitehorse Summer Cadet Camp

WO Sandhal

kept WO Wayne Jure as RSM and Steve Sandahl as MOI busy for the summer while Capt Ron Migadel had an adventure in the Yukon, most only hear about on TV. He led a small group of cadets through an adventure camp which took them from Horseback Riding, Kayak River Training and a little Mountain Abseiling all through the Yukon with a little help from WO Steve Sandahl.

Well from summers in the Yukon, the rest of the time working in some small hamlet throughout the north, meeting people and showing the uniform keeps our small part of the family noticed in the north. There is great pride from the Northerners for the participation of the 3rd Bn in Afghanistan, which has been belayed to us who travel.

Did you know?. . .

The Edmonton Pipe Band volunteered en masse "to play the Regiment to France and back again." Today the City of Edmonton Police Pipe Band wears the PPCLI cap badge on their sporrans. In 1972, the Drum-Major and Pipe-Major were authorized to wear the PPCLI officer cap badge and the remainder of the band to wear the other ranks cap badge.

Lieutenant-Colonel Farquhar, the Patricia's first commanding officer, introduced the red and white PPCLI shoulder flash in November 1914. The cloth shoulder flash was adopted by the British Grenadier Guards during the Great War and in 1934 by the Canadian Grenadier Guards. Until 1940 thse were the only three Commonwealth untis to wear this style of identification. During the Second World War this became a common practice. The distinctive red and white PPCLI flash is no longer worn except by the PPCLI Army Cadets.

The author of the "Lassie" series was a Patricia, Eric Knight.

Murphy's Laws of Combat Operations..

°Suppressive fire - won't.
°A sucking chest wound is Nature's way of telling you to slow down.
°If you are forward of your position, your artillery will fall short.
°Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than yourself.
°Never forget your weapon is made by the lowest bidder.

West Coast Patricias

Capt Salmon, Sgt Arnold, and Capt Dodds - entrenched on the coast and loving it

RAdm Fraser, Comd MARPAC, presented Sgt Bell with a CLS Commendation for providing life saving first aid to a family involved in a serious vehicle accident outside Ottawa on 24 Jun 01

Maj Waddell, Commanding Officer for recuiting in BC and Capt Green, Commander CF recruiting in Vancouver

Sgt Meulberger Recruiting - "Trust me"

Sgt Arnold - "Yes, I am the man"

2483 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps

The year 2002 was a busy one for the 2483. We trained throughout the year on the Star program that is the core of the army cadet curriculum. Additionally, we had several exercises and activities that maintained a high level of interest in our cadets.

Our 2002 shooting program was maintained at a very high level due to the interest of Lt Bart Yarmoshuk, a national calibre shooting coach. The cadets trained at least once per week on the air rifle and most were able to qualify for shooting badges to be worn on their uniforms.

In Feb 2002, cadet CWO Herbert participated in a national adventure training expedition to Hawaii. This trip to the volcanoes challenged the fitness of the participants and provided an opportunity to visit another country with army cadets from across Canada.

We were honoured to have LCdr Gerry Pash as the Reviewing Officer for our Annual Inspection. Two of our cadets "age out" at that time and were acknowledged at the parade.

Many of the cadets were sent to camps during the summer of 2002. Most went to Vernon, but some were able to get to Whitehorse and one went to Connaught. Cadet CWO Herbert and Cadet WO Camponi went to Whitehorse as staff members. Lt Yarmoshuk once again went to Connaught as a rifle coach.

Our local 2002 activities included a winter exercise at Mt Washington, an orienteering exercise, a bushcraft exercise and a leadership exercise. Additionally we also went bowling, supported the Legion in their poppy campaign, marched in the Remembrance Day parade in Langford, and conducted two fund raising drives. On Remembrance Day, three of our cadets participated in a visit to the Vancouver Island Youth Detention Centre as part of an effort to expose some positive youth activities to those who have been in trouble with the law.

The 2843 hosted a visit of a Cadet Corps from Ottawa in March. This allowed us the opportunity to show off some of the West Coast to some snowbound folks from Ontario. We took them on a visit to HMC Dockyard where they had a guided tour, including a visit to a frigate. We also went to the Provincial Legislature as part of the citizenship package, a whale watching expedition, wall climbing as well as some free time shopping in Victoria.

We participated in a unique parade in May where we combined with the other three army cadet corps in Victoria to have a larger parade. We held it in Beacon Hill Park and were honoured to have BGen Glen Nordick as the reviewing officer.

The year 2003 is shaping up to be another busy year for us including the standing up of a Drum Line. Our emphasis continues to be on excellence in shooting, training all cadets for the mandatory aspects of the program and providing an opportunity for the teenagers to have fun in an organized fashion. VP

2701 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps

The year 2002 proved to be very exciting and challenging for 2701. The year's activities included three exercises, a change of command parade (and annual review), music training and summer courses.

Shortly after 2002 began, the National Star Certificate Examination (NSCE) took place. 2701 had three cadets successfully complete the exams, c/WO Sukhan, A., c/WO Ahmed, S., and c/WO Dumas, M. (top candidate, receiving the Major-General Howard Award, and a summer exchange to Germany). c/WO Sukhan received a summer position as a section commander for a basic platoon in Vernon, B.C. and c/WO Ahmed aged out of cadets before the summer began, but not before having received his Master Cadet Award.

The cadet corps sent a majority of the cadets to summer training centres in either Vernon, B.C. or Whitehorse, Yukon. All who attended their respective courses had a good time. Shortly after having returning from his summer staff position as cadet RSM at Whitehorse Cadet Summer Training Centre, c/CWO Turko, M. went on a three-week adventure training expedition in Australia.

Each year, our cadet corps offers numerous optional activities including drum line, military band, rifle team, a biathlon team, and the Duke of Edinburgh program. As usual, the drum line and band were kept very busy with multiple performances, including those for various legions around the city. This is a major source of donations for the corps. The year of 2002 is the first year that the corps has had a rifle team in a few years. As this is the case, 2701 was very pleased with their third rank placement at the zone shoot and fifth rank placement at the provincials. Three privates from 2 PPCLI have now expanded the skill set required for shooting to include skiing. An abundant number of cadets have signed up for the team, and all look forward to the first biathlon competition.

2002 NCO Exercise at the Mantario Trail - 2701 RCACC

The spring of 2002 included FTX PATRICIA MOVE, May 11-13. The weather for the weekend was exceptional, and a good time was had by all. The weekend's activities included capture the flag, first aid training, day navigation, rappelling, and a C7 shoot. The following fall, FTX KIT GRIP took place from October 25-27. This exercise was conducted so that the instructors could put their instructing skills back into use after the summer, and for the new cadets to learn basic skills. The skills learned included knots and lashings, basic map and compass, basic patrolling and day navigation. Unfortunately, Mother Nature was not as kind to us this time around, as it snowed all weekend long. None-the-less, everyone had a great time.

Shortly before the 2001-2002 training year came to an end, the corps celebrated its 40th annual review. The reviewing officer was Col McLennan, the base commander of 17 Wing Winnipeg. The cadets were presented with many annual awards, including the top star level cadets, top instructor, etc, and other awards such as the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (c/MCpl Dumas, G.) and the Silver Duke of Edinburgh (c/WO Dumas, M.). This parade was very significant, as it marked the last parade for c/MWO Feng, N., c/WO Ahmed, S., and Lt A.L. Fortier with the corps. This parade also marked the change of command parade as Capt N.J. Saito passed the corps' command on to Capt R.J. Sellwood.

Shortly after the annual review, 2701 sent a group of four cadets (c/WO Skuhan, A., c/Cpl Peacock, K., c/Frechette, M., and c/Cpl Dasylva, D.) to CFB Shilo for the detachment's eco-challenge. Along with having hiked a total distance of 30 km, the cadets participated in canoeing, and air rifle shoot, a fundamental training test and an obstacle course. The corps placed third overall, out of 14 different corps. As expected, the unit's four participants had a wonderful time. With the Christmas holidays quickly approaching, the ACA came out to the corps with a surprise, The Thompson Memorial Trophy, for general efficiency. Along with this award came the Prairie Region Commander's Certificate for the previous training year. This is the 10th time the corps has won the awards. Also at this parade, c/WO Sukhan was presented with his Master Cadet Award.

All of the cadets from 2701 would like to thank the staff and volunteers who have spent their time and energy into this corps.

Cpl Peacock crossing an obstacle by rope

3003 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps

The 3003 Battle River Army Cadets Corps of Edgerton, Alberta had a very successful and busy 2001- 2002. Throughout the year, the cadets participated in various day and weekend activities, in addition to the Wednesday night parades at Edgerton School. The cadet year started out with a weekend campout at Belanger Farm which consisted of sleeping in hoochies, waste management, taking care of kit, buddy system, safe tool use, lighting stoves, lanterns, and fire picket. Another campout in October reaffirmed the lessons from the last campout and introduced new skills. Shooting instruction at the Edgerton Fish and Game Range and rappelling in WATC rounded out the experience. November once again found us mainly on the range and helping with the Remembrance Day Services at the Edgerton and Paradise Valley School and the Edgerton Legion at the Edgerton Agricultural Hall. Range days and the Christmas Party filled up December 2001.

The New Year found us at the range most weekends, practicing and firing DCRA competitions and Det. Mail in targets. This proved to have been time well spent, as both the .22 cal shooting team and the Air Rifle Shooting team went to Provincials in Winnipeg, with the .22 cal team winning the Provincial trophy. In the DCRA .22 cal shooters did well with the team winning a Silver Medal in the Royal Military College Club of America, Gold in Youth of the Commonwealth, the Fennel Competition, along with some other crests and medals. A job well done, Cadets.

The cadet year continued with an enjoyable sports weekend held in Macklin with cadets of all elements, mostly from Saskatchewan and a Survival weekend at the Edgerton Fish and Game Range (where the weather did not cooperate). Work began on our Annual Supper and games night, our big fundraiser of the year. It was held on 24th March and was a great success! We would like to thank the Community for making this a great fundraiser for the year and a great fun filled evening. We would also like to thank the parents, Edgerton Legion, and the businesses that donated prizes and money. Excitement prevailed when we once again visited WATC for a weekend shoot, then experienced the long drive to Lac LaBiche for Try It, for a fun packed weekend with the Cadets from all the elements.

In April we did the standard First Aid course and revisited WATC for a weekend shoot. May started with the Cadets helping the Royal Canadian Legion #168 of

3003 RCACC playing capture the flag

Edgerton with the decorating of Veterans graves at the Edgerton, Rosedale, Prospect Valley and Battle valley cemeteries. A testing weekend came next with field-testing for all levels. Annual Inspection was held on 29th May with Lieutenant Colonel A. Hollingsworth MBE KINGS of the British Army Training Support Unit At Western Area Training Center as the Reviewing Officer. The last weekend was Cadets caring for Canada with the Cadets cleaning up and painting at the Edgerton Fair Grounds. We then traveled to Arm Lake for a fun wrap up.

The Battle River Cadets Crops would like to thank the following: the parents, WATC, Royal Canadian Legion # 168 Edgerton, Town of Range, Marea Crews, PPCLI Western Area Training Center, British Army Training Support Unit WATC and all the Award Sponsors. A special thanks is extended to Transport WATC.

3003 RCACC learning camouflage at LFWA TC

Did you know?. . .

Young PPCLI subalterns attempted to smuggle the Patricia Colours to England during the Second World War so that the actions of the Original Ric-A-Dam-Doo could be emulated. Unfortunately they were caught and the Colours remained in Canada during the war years.

The first Canadian officer captured was Lieutenant "Shorty" Calquhoun, the PPCLI Scouting Officer. He was captured when investigating a German trench system. The first Canadian soldier captured was Private Burns who was shot near the German lines when he wandered between the friendly trenches during the night and didn't realize his mistake until it was too late. During the war Patricias had 4 officers and 77 other ranks captured. Three of these escaped back to England through Russia and neutral Holland. Colquhoun was instrumental in starting what was the "Great Escape" of the First World War. Ten officers out of 29 escaped to freedom from the Holzminden tunnel. Colquhoun was not one of them but he was brought to the attention of the Minister of War for his escape activities.

Murphy's Laws of Combat Operations..

°Teamwork is essential; it gives the enemy other people to shoot at.
°Never draw fire; it irritates everyone around you.
°If you are short of everything but enemy, you are in the combat zone.

3003 RCACC

Message from the President

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

Mr Jac de Bruijne, CD

After my second two-year term as president of the PPCLI Association, I will be stepping aside on May 10, 2003. As I look back now, I don't think that in my more than fifty-five years as a soldier, I have ever found a greater challenge than I have had as the Association's president. Along with meeting this new challenge, I have also found great personal satisfaction and reward with my work with Association and its members.

To the serving soldiers, I send you greetings from your PPCLI Association comrades. During my many visits to your units, I saw consistent evidence of your high degree of professionalism and enthusiasm. We, the PPCLI's "old guard", are very proud of your noteworthy achievements in Afghanistan and Bosnia-Herzegovina and your consistently high standard of training and operational readiness here and abroad. These traits reflect great honour on the Regiment and provide a lasting source of pride for all Patricias. We, too, mourned the tragic deaths of four Patricia soldiers from a bombing incident in Afghanistan in April 2002. On behalf of all members of the Association, I express our deepest sympathies to the families.

To all members of the Association, it was an honour to have been your servant, and I thank you for making these last four years as your president a truly memorable period in my military career. On behalf of all Association members, I wish to repeat the Association's gratitude to the members of the Calgary branch that have given freely of their time which directly benefited both the Regimental Museum and the Casino operations, a major financial contributor to the museum's operations.

As president, I needed many resources to fulfill my duties successfully. Thus, I must acknowledge the following groups and individuals for their assistance. The Association's Council gave me their loyal support and time to my many tasks during the last four years. I thank my vice-president, Mr. Rudy Raidt, who provided me with the benefits of wise counsel about many issues that arose during my two terms. I deeply appreciated the assistance from RHQ for providing the support when required. I am especially grateful to MGen Hewson and Gen de Chastelain for their full support from the office of COR, which facilitated my work as president.

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The privileges offered by the Association, as determined by the Association Executive Council from time to time, are:

- Maintaining contact with Regimental Family
- Receiving the annual Patrician
- Association Membership Card
- Receiving the Association Newsletter
- Preferred rates for Regimental events
- Possible inclusion in DVA Pilgrimages

In addition, Branches may offer their own Newsletter, social events and ceremonies. The Annual General Meeting is moved across the country each year offering a chance to see both old friends and new places.

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Dues are based upon an Association fee and a Branch fee for Ordinary and Associate Memberships and are payable in each calendar year. Fee schedules are subject to change from time to time.
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JUST RETIRED OR RELEASED?

The Colonel-in-Chief strongly encourages you to accept the Association's offer of a complimentary one year membership at no cost within six months of retirement or released from the Military. Should you wish to attend Regimental or Branch social functions, however, normal fees for those events are charged separately.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Association

The PPCLI Association is the not-for-profit corporate body of the Regiment. It is composed of retired and serving members of the PPCLI who share a common bond of experience with or attached to the PPCLI.

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B. To perpetuate the esprit de corps and close bonds of comradeship.
C. To foster, maintain and promote the tradition and well-being of the Regiment.
D. To establish and maintain the Regimental Museum and Archives.
E. To assist members, widows and children of deceased members where necessary and possible.
F. To collect, receive, hold, and invest funds and property, and to use such funds to further the objectives of the Association; and
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Atlantic Branch

Our Branch held its AGM in Kensington , Prince Edward Island , 21-22 September 2002 . Great weather saw 21 members attending from the three maritime provinces. LCol Chris Corry (HQ LFAA) and his lovely wife Robin attended as our special guests; Chris delivered an update on regimental affairs. A new executive was elected - Bill Minnis , president ; Norm Ray, continuing as secretary /treasurer for the umpteenth year (thank you Norm, from your comrades); VP NB George Stringer; VP NS Jim Mcnutt; VP PEI Fred Bridges.

A great time was had by all, with a nice dinner, evening of singing and dancing. We believe a Jane Mansfield look-alike was on the floor that evening, and Edith Reid proved she had not lost her dancing ability (although Jamie was scarcely seen - at least not on the dance floor!).

The Branch has 63 members, with 34 paying dues. We regret that Newfoundland has not been able to join us, due of course to distance and cost of travel, but a "long-distance" possibility will be explored using regular members posted in the province helping us find retired members of the regiment .

Our next AGM is scheduled for St. Stephen, NB, in September 2003, hosted by Bev and Barb Earl.

SW Ontario Branch

The South West Ontario Branch of the Association has had another busy year. We held our Branch Annual General Meeting on the weekend of 3-4 May 02 at the Howard Johnson's Hotel in St Catharines, Ontario. We commenced the weekend with a Meet and Greet on Friday night, which was well attended by our Branch members. We held the AGM on Saturday morning, 04 May 03, where we elected our new President, Bruce Paxton, our new Vice President, Major Morris Brause and Second Vice President is Louis McLean. Continuing their fine support to our Branch, Mrs. Elaine Gillespie continues as our Secretary, Mrs. Faye McIntee as our Treasurer, our Sergeant-at-Arms is Hub Lalonde, and our three directors are: Doug Armstrong, Bill Chrysler and Ed McDonald. Mr. Ed MacDonald will carry on also as our Past President, taking over from Jack Murray. The Branch members thanked Ed for his ster-

Mr Dyer receiving an Inukshuk from Mr Cosgrove, the artist. Mr Cosgrove produced an Inukshuk for each family of the soldiers killed in Afghanistan in April 2002

ling work as our President for the past two years. We also formed a committee to plan the National AGM which will be held on the Mother's Day weekend of 09-11 May 03, which our Branch will host in St Catharine's. At the Annual Dinner on Saturday night, our guest speaker was Major Morris Brause, who gave a presentation on the current and most likely future involvement of the Canadian Forces in Peacekeeping / Peacemaking Operations. We had 63 people attend the dinner. On Sunday, we conducted our annual Church Parade and family brunch.

Our National AGM committee has met three times over the summer and fall with the mandate of planning for the National AGM. Plans have been confirmed for providing our National Association members and guests with a great weekend which will include: meet and greet on Friday night, Saturday will include the AGM, Niagara Falls bus tour, opportunity to play golf or visit the Niagara Casino for those who are interested, culminating on Saturday night with a Dinner and Dance. It is our hope to have our Colonel of the Regiment, General (Retd) AJGD de Chastelain, as our guest speaker. On Sunday, we will provide a Mother's Day Brunch.

On Saturday, 19 Oct 02, our Branch supported a retirement Wine and Cheese evening where we bid farewell to Sgt Caudell and WO Gingell, but welcomed them also as members of our Association. That evening, on behalf of the Regiment, we also received four inukshuks in memory of the soldiers who died in Afghanistan. Mr. Jim Cosgrove, a local artist in Windsor, Ontario, was very moved by the wonderful work our Regimental soldiers did in Afghanistan, and the unfortunate deaths of the four soldiers. He sculptured four inukshuks to be presented to members of the families. Mr. Dyer, the father of Cpl Dyer, kindly attended the function and received these inukshuks on behalf of all of the families. Other than the inukshuk presented by Mr. Cosgrove to Mr. Dyer, the remainder were shipped to the PPCLI RHQ, where members of the Regiment were then tasked to personally present the other inukshuks to members of the family representing the deceased soldiers. It was the Branch's pleasure at that time to also offer Mr. Dyer and Mr. Cosgrove with their Honourary Associate Memberships to our Branch.

Our Branch has increased to 95 association members and continues to grow. We are looking forward to seeing many of our fellow Patricias at the AGM in May 03. VP!

Manitoba/NW ON Branch

We officially opened the year with our Branch Annual Meeting on January 23rd, where Len King, was elected President, Cliff Fox became Vice-President and D'Arcy Best was entrusted with the Secretary-Treasurer's duties. Directors Nick Oshanski and Stu Weeks were re-elected and joined by newly elected Directors Roy Bailey, Don Collins, Bob Cumming and Gerry Hawkins. Our visit with Second Battalion in the field in Shilo on March 12 was well worth the trip for the dozen or so branch members who were able to make it. The highlight of the day was the LAV III (Light Armoured Vehicle) demo. That 25 mm gun is very impressive. On March 17, 20 members and guests attended our Regimental Ladies Day in the Kapyong WOs & Sgts Mess, where we were especially pleased to welcome two of our widows, Kay Bonnallo (Dodd) and Alice Linklater, and new member John Morris.

As March 17 was a Sunday, we celebrated Regimental Day with Second Battalion on March 18. It was a special day for the family of the late Lloyd Clemons, who had been posthumously awarded the Canadian Peacekeeping Medal. Following the usual Regimental Day games, Lieutenant-Colonel Makulowich, CO Second Battalion, presented the medal to Lloyd's oldest grandson, Ryan Magnuson. As is most often the case in recent years, Second Battalion was in the field on Kapyong Day so the Rear Party supported the Branch in a short ceremony at the Kapyong Monument in front of the Officers' Mess. Following a short Prayer Service, Corporal Gregory Husson treated us to an excellent reading of the Citation and wreaths were placed by Walter Brazil and Nick Oshanski on behalf of the Association and by Captain Dan Blanc and QMSI Stan Stapleford for Second Battalion. The ceremony was followed by an All Ranks Reception at the WOs & Sgts Mess.

Our Casino and Barbecue on June 26 didn't break any attendance records but those who were there had a ball. The barbecue was excellent and the games were popular. The Horse Race generated the most excitement but many were disappointed that it was run only once. We'll have to organize it a little better next time. Our surprise Fortune Teller, Gypsy Rose (aka Heather Fox), was also very popular and people lined up to 'cross her palm' for a glimpse of the future. Len King's daughter, Susan Holfeuer, also deserves special mention for her Silent Auction. She had beaten the bushes for donations and came up with a bunch of prize packages that no one could resist bidding on. For the second year in succession, Paul Ryan has won the President's Cup, Manitoba & North Western Ontario Branch's top golf trophy. At the 16th Annual Tournament at Tuxedo Golf Course on August 22nd, Paul completed the 18 holes in 71 strokes -- one over par and six fewer than in his 2001 win. RSM Larry Surridge was awarded the Alf Rooke Trophy for Association Members Low Gross, WO Greg Trenholm took the Norman L.G. McCowan Trophy for Tournament Low Net and Dick Heaver the L.A. (Len) Quinlan Trophy for Association Members Low Net. 32 Association members, 2PPCLI personnel and friends took part in the tournament.

Our branch was well represented at the Annual General Meeting in Wainwright on September 14, where Norm McCowan was appointed an Honorary Life Member of the Association and D'Arcy Best was given the job of editing the 2002 Association

Newsletter. A few of our regulars were not able to make this year but we managed to muster 31 members and guests for our Annual Dinner in the WOs & Sgts Mess on October 18th. Lloyd and Helen Kreamer, and Alice Moore, widow of the late John Moore, were our only WWII vets. Major Bob Ford, accompanied by his wife, Dale, and QMSI Rick and Debbie Lawler were our official guests from Second Battalion. Following the traditional toasts, Major Ford, who commanded C Company during their recent deployment with Third Battalion in Afghanistan, regaled us with an interesting and enlightening account of their tour. On November 10th, accompanied by Second Battalion's Colours, we attended our Annual Remembrance Service at All Saints Church. Corporal Yuri Miljevic-Laroche, 2PPCLI, sounded Last Post and Reveille; Corporal Dan Holley, also 2PPCLI, piped the Lament; and Major Jim Fitzgerald read the First Lesson. Branch members observed Remembrance Day on November 11th with Second Battalion and the PPCLI Cadets at Kapyong Barracks. Following the service in the Drill Hall, Walter Brazil and Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Day laid wreaths at the Kapyong Monument on behalf of the Association and Second Battalion, and then we moved to the WOs and Sgts Mess for the traditional clam chowder and moose-milk.

Our final event of the year was Second Battalion's Christmas Dinner on December 12th where Branch Members sat down with the troops for some fine food and camaraderie. The presentation of Southwest Asia Service Medals to 143 members of the Battalion who had served in Afghanistan, and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal to Branch Secretary D'Arcy Best and several Battalion members, highlighted the pre-dinner acknowledgements and awards, then the Officers and Senior NCOs served the meal in the traditional manner. "Always a Patricia"

Wainwright Branch

The Wainwright Branch has been very busy over the past year hosting the AGM, visits by the COR, President of the Association, MGen Lewis MacKenize, and as well graduation parades for the future Patricias of the Regiment. As a branch, we have the honor and distinction of being the part of the Graduation ceremonies for QL 3 platoons that have completed their training and are about to join the Regiment. Our involvement in these grad parades are two fold. The member of the old guard performs two important functions in the grad ceremonies; he is the reviewing officer for the dress rehearsal and presents the hat badges to the platoon members. On grad day the member presents the shield & plaque to the most improved candidate from the platoon. It is an honor for our members to part of these ceremonies.

On the 18th of March we had a visit from MGen Lewis Mackenzie to celebrate Regimental Day. This visit was put together by Mr. Geo Duffy, with assistance from WATC. A number of associate members were presented with their CPSM medals. These members included Geo Duffy, Wally Komindia, Ron Smith, John Smith, Pete Peereboom, Dennis Thompson, and Larry Lemuiex. He also had the opportunity to speak to the Patricias and branch members. On the 15th of August another visitor came calling. The COR along with the President of the Association paid us a visit. We had a gathering of all serving and retired Patricias at WATC for a BBQ and a couple of pops with the COR.

As most are aware the Wainwright Branch hosted the 54th Annual General Meeting with great success. We had a number of activities that took place over the

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four-day period. On the 12th of September a happy hour was held in the Sgts Mess with about about 30 Association members in attendance. Our thanks go to the RSM/PMC for the hospitality, of all your members who attended. On the 13th of September a number of Associate members had the guided tour of the WATC facilities and some interesting points in and around Wainwright area under the guidance of Ron Smith & Frank McEachern. A number of our guests had the chance to use the SAT trainer. Thanks to the QMSI for the arrangements for the SAT trainer. Those who attend enjoyed the tour. (Note that the bus driver for the tour bus should remain in the wash rack).

For the Meet and Greet at Buffalo Park Hall on 14 September the ladies of the branch members put on a Pot luck spread and selection of food second to none. Well done ladies, you are to be congratulated. Nothing but positive comments from the guests, we all thank you. The Meet & Greet was well attended by our guests and fun was had by all. Bob Zubowski and his drum line provided the entertainment for the evening from Calgary and they put on a great show. Well done Bob and to your members-great show. After all the meetings had subsided and business was attended to, we prepared for the evening activities, which was a Fondue BBQ. This is a very unique way to BBQ a steak. Steaks are put on a pitchfork and put into a large vat. Meal was great. After the BBQ was completed we were honored to have a guest speaker from 3PPCLI, Major Borland who had just returned from Afghanistan and gave us a briefing on the operation in Afghanistan which was very informative. All the Association members in attendance would like to thank Major Borland for his time to come to Wainwright and give this informative briefing, on what the soldiers of 3PPCLI were up against. The next activity of the evening was the1 PPCLI Drum Line under Drum Major Seggie and what a show they put on. Thank you to 1 PPCLI and Drummy and the rest of drum line for a great show; you are all to congratulated. And from all members in attendance fantastic.

And to finish off a great weekend, the silent auction was a outstanding success. All items for the auction were donated by town business and members of the Branch a special thanks goes to Ron Smith and his Committee for the hard work they put into the gathering all the items. The Wainwright Branch would like to thank all the association members from all branches who attended the AGM and we hope that you all enjoyed your stay. By the last count we did, we had approximately 125 people registered. Thank-you to all members for your help and assistance to make this AGM a success; To the ladies for your help with the food and the set up of the auction. Wainwright Branch well done. Thank-you. VP

Calgary Branch

The Calgary Branch had a busy year once again. We began the year with elections for office. John Burke remained as President, Bill Davies Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer Dianne Litchfield, Entertainment George Arthurson, Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Adams, Hospital Rep Jim White, Kit Shop Jim White and Neal Bynkoski. We sent a message to the 3rd Battalion wishing them good luck Gods speed as they left for Afghanistan. In the Branch, we renewed our efforts to have each member fill in a form with their service and an accompanying picture. This is kept on hand so we can readily identify each member and later pass this on to the Regimental Archives for future reference in identify people in photographs they receive.

Wade's Jewellery receives Legion award.

We celebrated the Regimental birthday on March 16th with true Patricia style including moose milk, grow lies and the odd missile flying by. On the evening of the 18th of March the Calgary Branch hosted a wine and cheese party with a visit from our Patron Lady Patricia. This was attended by approximately 200 members and wives. Many members brought the latest volume of the Regimental history which the Countess so graciously signed. Bob Adams passed on his duties as funeral rep to Joe Schulz in April. It was with heavy hearts that the Calgary Branch held a quite Regimental family memorial service in the hall of honour for our lost Patricias. The Rotary Club of Calgary invited the Branch to attend a tree planting ceremony in the Rotary Park in Calgary; one tree for each Patricia that died in Afghanistan. The Park is well suited for their memory, over looking the City, in a quite area bringing peace and serenity to all who walk there.

June brought our annual golf tournament, which was well setup and run on the 2nd of June by Gerry Bowes. Please keep in mind we have this every year and would love to have you attend the festivities. Our spring BBQ took place on the 22nd of June with Bob and Lynda Conniff from Wales, Rod and Gena Parker from England, Lyle and Joyce Saumers from Redwater, Mike and Mary Bludd from Edmonton out for the party. It was great to see everyone. The high light of the evening was a performance by Black Thunder, a drumline made up of former military members. Jack and Sandi Rayner once again lived through another RV weekend at Sunray Acres. What a great time with new faces representing all three Battalions enjoying the weekend bringing the total to 38 participate. The weather got a bit rough with three tents being blown away but it was well worth it. Thanks to Jack who with the help of Fred Blackmore built a Better 'ole Fred Litchfield, Blackmore and Goldring had a hard time figuring out what the drain was for. Special thanks goes to Hans Brink for bring out his mobile firearms system. This year we hope to see some of you out for the weekend. The dates for the annual RV and BBQ at Sunray Acres are 15 -17 Aug. 2003. Please phone Jack Rayner at (403) 934 - 3480 for more information. This is a family get together so don't forget the kids.

September found most of us at the AGM/Ops Marguerite in Wainwright 13th to the 15th. They sure know how to have a party. Just ask John DeMerchant. He was so happy that he rolled off the table he was sleeping on!! Ken Villiger was kind enough to take our kit shop with him to BC. We think he must have been a salesman in another life. Our September Meet and Greet brought out some surprising faces. Doug Gallant from PEI, Mike Spellen from Winnipeg and Bob Douglas who just moved back from BC. The annual Poppy walk was on the 26 October. Many Patricas participated in the walk with Bruce Nickel and Ken Smith caring our branch flag and the national flag. George Arthurson at the Ogden Legion put a super Winter Dine and Dance together. The members are still talking about the wonderful meal and music. Thanks George. The Branch participated in many activities in Nov. Poppy Fund Drive, Remembrance Day, Veterans Legacy Brick Campaign just to mention a few. January brought Joe Schulz in as Vice-President for the Branch and Bernadette England as our Secretary, Doug Hamilton recruiting, Fred Blackmore Transport rep.

We were please to learn that four members of the Calgary Branch received the Queen's Jubilee medal. Congratulations to Doug Bedford, Tom Reid, Rod Middleton and Rudy Raidt. The Branch also wishes to thank the serving members of the battalions representing us around the world. We are proud of each and every one of you. If anyone is in Calgary please come out to a meeting. The meetings are the last Saturday of each month at the Ogden Legion. We have a happy hour on the last Friday of each month at Erika's Deli. Phone John Burke at (4030 278 - 6962 or Bob Zubkowski (403) 249 - 8107 for more information.

Fraser Valley Branch

Herb Pitts presenting Mel Canfield his Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal

This past year has been eventful and non-eventful for the Fraser Branch. Eventful in that we elected a new slate of officers with the retiring of Mel Canfield. Mel has served the branch since its inception as the founding President and main driver in obtaining and recruiting members. He served under adverse personal conditions and with a great deal of diplomacy. His eleven years in the chair has no doubt left some blisters but the branch showed their appreciation at the Christmas dinner by presenting him with a plaque and numerous accolades. MGen Herb Pitts and his wife Marianne journeyed from Victoria and presented Mel with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. As the General said in his remarks at the dinner "Mel is not only a good soldier but a good citizen". Amen.

The non-eventful was our regular meeting held the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at the Vedder Legion. Our meetings generally are fairly short and sweet with a good deal of kibitzing humor. Harold Grouette, our resident good humor man and teller of tales [tall and short--- tales that is] can be counted on to entertain both during and after the meetings. We usually close shop for the month of June, July, and August to allow all members to have holidays. Our 17 March this year was a rather quite affair with the branch at the ASU Mess on the base. Toasts and tales were the order of the day and an enjoyable time was had by all.

The 11 November again saw us marching with the Airborne Branch. It's nice to see the maroon beret worn with pride by them and us on parade. We all gathered at the ASU Mess after the parade. The usual tall tales were told and received with much fun and laughter. Nice isn't it how we all remember the good times the best. That's all for this time, keep well and look after each other.

Vancouver Branch

Capt Newman, Tom Holland, Thelma Holland and Glenn Palmer

The Vancouver Branch started their year off with the Annual General Meeting in January, and as the current Executive was into the second year of their two year term no elections were necessary. On Sunday, March 17 2002 we met in the Anderson Room of the Seaforth Armory for our Annual Regimental Day Luncheon. We had a very successful day with total of 27 members and their ladies present. We had the added pleasure of the PMC's [of the Seaforth WO's & Sgts Mess] wife Kathy Bain as his representative as he was busy with the Seaforth Band recording their first CD. Capt. Steve Newman CD was our guest speaker. He gave an interesting talk on the work he had done on researching some material for a new book. It involved the various cemeteries in Europe where Patricias from the First World War and Second World War were buried and the upkeep of those burial sites. The President presented Branch Certificates of Appreciation to Val and Ken Tutte, Jenny and Don Urquhart for all the time and work they had put into the Branch over the years. Unfortunately he had to take them back later on as he hadn't yet had time to frame them. We also held a raffle and through the generous donations of several members and thanks to the hard work of selling tickets by Garry Jantzen we took in a nice sum.

At the end of August we held our Annual BBQ at the home of Val & Ken Tutte. As usual the Tutte Family put on a fantastic afternoon, with a fabulous Steak dinner and wonderful hospitality. Garry Jantzen also did her usual fabulous job of selling raffle tickets and we had a generous amount of items donated for the draw. The President also got the finished Branch Appreciation Certificates back to Val and Ken Tutte, Jenny and Don Urquhart. A good time was had by all, and the weather co-operated this year with

Jenny and Don Urquhart, Tom Holland, Val and Ken Tutte: Presentation of Branch Certificates of Appreciation at the Annual BBQ

much sunshine. We had a total of 24 members and their ladies present. We also had thirteen visitors from out of town, including 5 members of Val and Ken's family. Thank you to everyone who made it a fabulous afternoon. On Sunday, December 16th we held our annual Xmas Party at the lovely home of Jenny & Don Urquhart. We had a total of 22 Members and their ladies present. We also had the pleasure of meeting LCol Pat Strogan's mother who was a guest of the Branch. Numerous people provided the finger food and of course Tom brought his Deviled Eggs. We had a numerous amount of donations from every member for the raffle or cash donation toward expenses. Once again, Garry Jantzen swung into action and did a marvelous job of selling raffle tickets. Thanks to everyone for a successful function and to Jenny and Don Urquhart for the use of the lovely home for the event and for our Executive Meetings. We finished the year with a total of 68 members; we lost four members, [two to death, one decided to drop out for awhile and one moved leaving no forwarding address] however, we also gained four new members. So we are holding steady.

Did you know?. . .

The Patricia's were the first Canadian fighting unit in the front lines as part of a British Division. They won the first Canadian Distinguished Service Order, and Military Cross and Distinguished Conduct medals awarded for gallantry under fire in the Great War.

The Patricia's conducted the first Canadian trench raid of the war on 28 February 1915 when a 100 man party stormed across No-Man's Land into the German trench system at St Eloi. They captured several prisoners and destroyed the trench line. The Patricia's incurred losses of five killed and two missing with another ten men wounded during the action.

Murphy's Laws of Combat Operations..

°No combat ready unit has ever passed inspection.
°No inspection ready unit has ever passed combat.
°If the enemy is within range, so are you.
°Things which must be shipped together as a set, aren't.
°No OPLAN ever survives initial contact.
°Anything you do can get you killed, including nothing.
°Tracers work both ways.
°The one item you need is always in short supply.
°The worse the weather, the more you are required to be out in it.

PPCLI WOs' & Snr NCOs' Club (Retired)

~ Esto Perpetua ~

The retired Club was formed in April of 1976 at Victoria, BC which remains our home base - the aim, to keep alive the spirit and comradeship generated within the Regimental Sergeants' Mess by Patricia Warrant Officers and Senior NCOs.

The term "retired" being interpreted to read, those Patricias who gained warrant officer and senior NCO status whilst actively affiliated with the Regiment, and/or those attached personnel who served on the posted strength of the Regiment as warrant officers or senior NCOs. This includes those who were subsequently commissioned. The club does not actively solicit membership, however, we are always pleased to hear from prospective members who are truly interested in the club and its aims, and who wish to participate. We do not consider ourselves as ex-Patricias but rather as "Always A Patricia."

The wives of members, by virtue of their long and faithful service to the Regiment are also considered an integral part of the club and are full voting members. This includes the widows of members and the widows of former Patricia warrant officers and senior NCOs. We are a band of brothers and sisters.

The club sponsors an annual dinner during the month of May with the exception of those years when a Regimental Reunion takes place, whereas we defer to the regimental festivities and encourage all members to attend.

Our 27th Annual Dinner will be held once again at the Executive Inn, Penticton, BC on 28/29 May 2003. Our Annual General Meetings take place at our clubroom, The Piklee Post, each September.

We look forward to seeing many Patricia comrades at the Regimental Reunion in 2004.

Ed Hansen
Club President

Meet and Greet September 2002: Rae & Dave Buxton enjoying the rations

Meet and Greet September 2002: Marg Dionne & Eileen Holmes

Bob & Peggy Flint, Klaus, Linda Hansen, Thomas, Erika & Bill Wilkinson

Last Post

NAME	SERVICE	DOD	Residence
Moore, John		02 Jan 02	Port Coquitlan BC
Baker, Henry		04 Jan 02	Winnipeg MB
Royer, Claude	Korea/Reg F	12 Jan 02	Saskatoon SK
Wardell, Alan		16 Jan 02	BC
Caie, Herbert	WWII/Reg F	17 Jan 02	Winnipeg MB
Hebert, Cale		17 Jan 02	Winnipeg MB
Stuart, Gordon	WWII/Reg F	17 Jan 02	Winnipeg MB
Wickstrom, Roy	Reg F	12 Feb 02	Winnipeg MB
Rimmer, J.E.	Korea	16 Feb 02	Coleman AB
Parsons, H.	Reg F	17 Feb 02	Vancouver BC
Caldwell, Robert	Reg F	21 Feb 02	Victoria BC
Smedvik, P.B.	Reg F	22 Feb 02	Winnipeg MB
Arril, Ken	Reg F	02 Mar 02	

Roe, Leslie	Reg F	02 Mar 02	Abbotsford BC
McNab, Frank	Reg F	23 Mar 02	Winnipeg MB
Shewchuk, Michael	WWII	02 Apr 02	Winnipeg MB
Tessier, George	Korea	04 Apr 02	Winnipeg MB
Danyleyko, Andrew	Reg F	08 Apr 02	Victoria BC
Quesnel, Frank	Reg F	12 Apr 02	Regina SK
Walsh, Darril I.	WWII	14 Apr 02	Winnipeg MB
Dyer, Ainsworth	Reg F	17 Apr 02	Edmonton AB
Green, Richard	Reg F	17 Apr 02	Edmonton AB
Leger, Marc	Reg F	17 Apr 02	Edmonton AB
Smith, Nathan	Reg F	17 Apr 02	Edmonton AB
Hill, L.	WWII	18 Apr 02	Winnipeg MB
Hurst, Lorne	Korea	20 Apr 02	Edmonton AB
Koterla, Andrew	WWII	25 Apr 02	
Hill, Leonard	Reg F	26 Apr 02	Winnipeg MB
Lane, Maurice	WWII/Reg F	29 Apr 02	Victoria BC
Bruner, Bob	Reg F	12 May 02	Calgary AB
Buchanan, A.H.	WWII	25 May 02	Portage la Prairie MB
Palfrey, William	WWII/Reg F	27 May 02	Victoria BC
Green, Alvin	Reg F	05 Jul 02	
Besserer, Colette	Reg F	18 Jul 02	Winnipeg MB
Leitch, H.G.	Reg F	20 Aug 02	
Loxton, George	Reg F	22 Sep 02	Winnipeg MB
Hodgson, Michael	Reg F	23 Sep 02	Calgary, AB
McIvor, W.A.	Reg F	25 Sep 02	Winnipeg MB
Bootle, Freddie	Reg F	09 Oct 02	Edmonton AB
Ford, P.J.	WWII/Reg F	22 Oct 02	Salmon Arm BC
Farhall, David	WWII/Reg F	25 Nov 02	Winnipeg MB

Those whom this list commemorates served King & Queen, Country and Regiment.

At duty's strident call, they left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, and faced danger so that others might live in peace and freedom.

Not all soldiers die in battle or glory, but they too served the Regiment. Let those who come after see to it that their names be not forgotten.

Freddie Bootle Takes One Last Jump

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry recently lost a significant and vibrant member of the Regimental family. During the evening of 9 October 2002, Master Warrant Officer (Retired) Freddie Bootle passed away, after a courageous and sustained battle against Lou Gehrig's disease. He was 56 years old. The shockwaves of his untimely death resonated throughout the Regiment, the army, and the country.

Freddie Bootle was born in Liverpool, England, in 1946. He immigrated to Canada with his family in 1952 and joined the Canadian Forces (Provost Corps) in 1963 in Toronto. He transferred to the Royal Canadian Regiment in 1964 and served in Germany from 1964 to 1968. As a Corporal, he transferred to 2 Commando, The Canadian Airborne Regiment, in 1968 in Edmonton. After eight years service as a paratrooper, he transferred to the Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in 1976 in Winnipeg, where he ultimately married his wife Anne. In 1984, he returned to Germany with the Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry as a Sergeant for another four-year tour of duty with NATO. In 1988, he was posted to Edmonton as the Area Cadet Warrant Officer for Alberta. In 1990, he returned to regimental duty with the First Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Calgary. He retired from the Regular Force in 1993 and subsequently joined the Cadet Instructors List where he served as the Coordinator for the Prairie Region Army Cadets. He was ultimately promoted to Master Warrant Officer and finally retired from active service in 1996.

During his 33 years of service he completed two tours in Germany, three tours in Cyprus, served with the Royal Canadian Regiment, the Canadian Airborne Regiment, and the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. Even as a civilian, Freddie's commitment to the PPCLI and his Airborne heritage was outstanding. In 1996, he opened a very popular canteen/barbershop for the Third Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. His dedication and outstanding leadership to the local Cadet Corps led to the development of many young, honest, and productive citizens. He was an active member of the PPCLI Association and the Edmonton Airborne Social Club. His son, Eddie, maintains the family ties to the military through his service as an infantry officer with the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Anne; his son Eddie (Nicky); step-daughter Yolanda; daughter Sandra; father Fred Bootle Sr and his wife Deanne; three brothers John (Cindy); Dwight (Caroline); David and grandchildren. Freddie was predeceased by his mother Pamela Bootle in 1993. A moving Service of Remembrance was held at the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess at Edmonton Garrison on 15 October 2002, where well over two hundred comrades attended to give tribute. In the end, Freddie's dedication to his family, his friends, and his regiments was second to none. He will be truly missed. Have a good one Jumper.